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The Times Portfolio competition prize of £2,000 was won yesterday by Mr Edward Webley, of Bromyard, Hereford. Portfolio list, page 18; how to play, information service, back page.
Tomorrow there is £22,000 to be won – £20,000 in the weekly competition and £2,000 in the daily.

Armed services aid urged by MPs to combat drugs war

By Richard Evans, Lobby Reporter

Britain faces the most serious peacetime threat to its national wellbeing from the American boom in hard drugs which is set to sweep across the Atlantic, a Commons select committee said yesterday.

The home affairs select committee said that the Government must be prepared to use the Armed forces in combating the growing menace posed by heroin and cocaine.

Sweeping new powers were also needed to strip barons of their assets, disclose their bank accounts and clamp down on increasing imports of drugs, the committee recommended.

Mrs Thatcher responded immediately to the report at Prime Minister's question time in the Commons, when she confirmed that Mr Leon Brittan, Home Secretary, is working on new laws to seize and confiscate the proceeds of drug traffickers. The legislation will be introduced in the autumn.

The virtually unprecedented tone of the committee's report follows a 10-day fact-finding trip to the United States earlier this month.

MPs were horrified by the extent of the American drug crisis and warnings from leading politicians and police chiefs there that Britain must act now to prevent a similar tragedy.

In chilling language the MPs describe how cocaine is now the most devastating drug in use, with 12 million regular American users and 5,000 new addicts a day, mainy from the wealthy and successful middle and upper classes.

Traffickers in cocaine, heroin and marijuana earn between $90 billion and $100 billion a year, equivalent to the entire US budget and making the drug industry second only to the motor industry in cash terms.

"We believe, from all that we saw and heard, that as the American market becomes saturated the flood of hard drugs will cross the Atlantic. We fear that unless immediate and effective action is taken Britain and Europe stand to inherit the American drug problem in less than five years", the MPs say.

"We see this as the most serious peacetime threat to our national wellbeing."

The MPs add: "Western society is faced by a warlike threat from the hard drugs industry."

Sir Edward Gardner, QC, Conservative MP for Fylde and the select committee chairman, said that US politicians, the FBI director, customs and coastguards officials had spoken with one voice in warning the committee that the drug crisis being experienced in the US would be transferred to Britain "unless we take steps of the kind our report recommends to stop it.

"Unless we do stop it, what is happening in places like New York, Atlanta and Miami will undoubtedly be happening in places like London, Manchester and Liverpool."

It was feared in the US that the power to corrupt which the vast profits from the drug industry gave to criminals could ultimately undermine the stability of merican society. "It must not happen here," Sir Edward added.

Of the committee's recommendations, contained in what is an interim report, the most radical and controversial relates to the seizure of drug barons assets.

The MPs want to copy the American practice of giving courts draconian powers in both civil and criminal law to strip drug dealers of all their proceedings from crime.

In civil cases the onus would be on the "accused" to prove his assets were not acquired with drug profits, otherwise they would be confiscated.

The select committee was impressed by how homes, cars, aircraft and cash belonging to drug barons were seized in civil proceedings and then auctioned to pay for the fight against drugs.

It was unclear last night if the Government is prepared to go this far in its proposed legislation.

Mr David Mellor, the junior Home Office minister who is chairing the Government's interdepartmental ministerial group on drug misuse and also recently visited the US, invited the committee fo urgent recommendations as the Government prepares new legislation.

He will now face growing pressure from all sides of the Commons to put them into force.

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Prince William (left) in the garden at Kensington Palace yesterday as the Red Devils parachute team dropped in to launch a £550,000 appeal to buy a new aircraft.

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Wedding finery (top): Zara Phillips arriving under the watchful care of her mother, Princess Anne, to be a bridesmaid yesterday at the wedding of Mr Richard Plunkett-Ernle-Erle-Drax and Miss Zara Legge-Bourke (above right) at the Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks, in London (Photographs: Suresh Karadia).

Doctors who can't revive patients

By Thomson Prentice
Science Correspondent

Scathing criticisms of the ability of junior hospital doctors to give basic life support in emergencies are published in the *British Medical Journal* today.

Almost half of the doctors tested in London teaching hospital were unable adequately to perform external cardiac massage and mouth-to-mouth resuscitation on a model.

Although 55 per cent did succeed, none would have achieved a pass in the advanced cardiac life support examinations held in the United States, the team, which conducted the test at St Bartholomew's Hospital, said.

"Many house officers failed because they wre literally unable to turn on the oxygen supply of a standard anaesthetic machine.

"Others, lacking this vital skill, even attempted to unscrew the oxygen bottle from the rolley, which could have resulted in the cylinder falling from the machine", the authors of the report say.

"Learning cardipulmonary resuscitation by experienc on patients will cost lives. Many doctors, having failed abysmally in a particular part of the study, were particularly receptive when given a practical tutorial."

Responsibility for this state of affairs must rest with the teaching authorities, and training in basic and advanced life support programmes should be given at the beginning and end of medical students' clinical years, the report says.

In a survey of junior doctors at Adderbrook's Hospital, Cambridge, last January, only eight per cent were able adequately to manage a cardiopulmonary arrest.

The survey said that many hospital patients who suffer heart attacks die during "confused and disorganized charades" of attempts to save them.

Solidarity leaders on trial

Three prominent members of the banned *Solidarity union* went on trial in Gdansk accused of inciting public unrest. The defendants refused to begin their testimony and demanded access to their defence lawyers. Although billed as an open trial, policemen barred entry to the public Page 8

Airport go-ahead

A mini-airport for London's docklands has been approved by the Government after five years of controversy. It is expected to be operating late next year Page 3

Angola sabotage

South Africa admitted it still had some troops in Angola after the Angolans said two South African commandos had been killed and a third captured on a sabotage mission Page 9

Target shuttle

The US space shuttle Discovery will be used next month in a Star Wars missile defence test. A ground laser beam will be shot at it from Hawaii.

Oil awards

Medium-sized British oil companies feature strongly in the award of 80 North Sea oil and gas licences. The big multinationals have only a relatively modest involvement Page 19

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President Nyerere of Tanzania admitted in a Norwegian TV interview that he made errors in carrrying out socialist policies, but he remained committed to socialism Page 10

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High Street profits for the Littlewoods Organisation fell £7 million to £1.5 million, but overall profits were up 77 per cent, at £47.6 million Page 19

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Mark Nicholas and Allan Lamb featured in an unbroken partnership of 239 for MCC at Lord's. It was the second double century partnership of the match. Page 23

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A telephone call could win you a holiday for two in Barbados. For the number to call and today's clue in the Codename Enigma competition, see the back page information service.

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Teachers reject new pay offer

By Lucy Hodges, Education Correspondent

Teachers pay talks broke down last night after seven hours with the teachers unanimously rejecting a pay offer of 5 per cent and a reference to arbitration.

Mr Fred Jarvis, leader of the teachers' side in the talks, and general secretary of the National Union of Teachers, said this meant the NUT's strikes could go on until the autumn.

"We are in for further action not only this term but possibly later", he said. "The answer is to put pressure on the Government to change its negative attitude in this dispute."

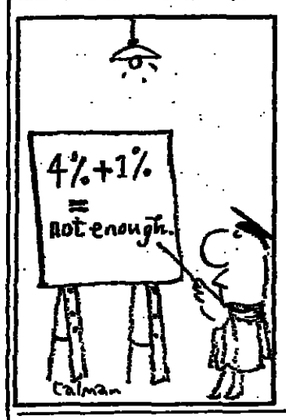
Mr Fred Smithies, general secretary of the second biggest teachers' union, the National Association of Schoolmaster Union of Women Teachers, said the strike action of his union would also continue. "It is obvious to me that strike action will now run right through the summer term and, unless there is some helpful development, it will resume in September", he said.

"The great problem is the Secretary of State and his determination not to offer any more funds for the purpose of arbitration. This casts grave suspicion on the process of arbitration."

The head teachers supported the rejection of 5 per cent and the reference to arbitration on the grounds that the movement in average earnings and the cost of living index was upwards. "We believe that we can negotiate a better deal than this," said Mr David Hart, general secretary of National Association of Head Teachers.

Other unions who rejected the offer were the Professional Association of Teachers, which

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MP rescues Powell's embryo Bill

By Anthony Bevins
Political Correspondent

Mr Enoch Powell has discovered a unique parliamentary device to revive his private member's Bill on the protection of human embryos.

The chances for the Unborn Children (Protection) Bill had appeared bleak after opponents had talked it out of time earlier this month, and with the Government refusing to make Commons time available the legislation was set to fail.

But Mr Andrew Bowden, Conservative MP for Brighton, Kempton, yesterday used his first place in a private member's motion day, Friday June 7, to open the way for further debate.

His motion, if accepted by a majority, will permit proceedings on Mr Powell's Bill to continue through until the next Monday if necessary. The manouevre is guaranteed to provoke strong controversy.

Mr William Hamilton, Labour MP for Fife Central, protested yesterday in the Commons: "Many of us feel this is a gross abuse of the procedures of this House." He also challenged the Government to use its ministerial block vote to stop Mr Powell. Ministers were last night considering what they could do. Although they do not favour Mr Powell's Bill, it would be remarkable if they interfered in view of the strongest support which the Bill has attracted on their own benches.

In the second reading debate on 15 February, Mr Powell won a majority of 172 votes.

The Bill's supporters were last night confident that they could muster the necessary stamina, and majorities, to push the Bill through.

Although governments frequently extend the Commons day, and have sometimes intervened to extend business to help a private member's Bill, there is no known precedent for backbench MPs to take such an initiative.

Cost of Commons gibe

The Prime Minister yesterday turned on a left-wing Labour MP, who had criticized the extravagance of Lord Althorp's twenty first birthday party, estimated at up to £100,000, and told him that he should also look at the costs of running the Commons (Our Political Correspondent writes).

Mrs Margaret Thatcher's remark took MPs by surprise, and there were cries of "disgraceful", but it is understood that she is not amused by the voracious demands of her parliamentary colleagues, reflected in one of the few Treasury votes which is not cash limited.

As *The Times* has already reported, MPs' travelling expenses are expected to rise by more than 20 per cent to £4.3 million this year following an increase in mileage allowances, but this year's Commons administration budget also includes provision for a new telephone exchange, at a cost of £1,650,000, the cost of Commons catering has topped the £2 million mark for the first time, and there is pressure for computerized back-up facilities for MPs' offices, which would cost as much as £5 million.

Kinnock firm on black sections

By Philip Webster, Political Reporter

Mr Neil Kinnock last night effectively vetoed the introduction of black sections into the Labour Party with a declaration of his implacable opposition to them.

In remarks delivered at Westminster he pre-empted the report of an eight-month consultation study which is to recommend to next month's meeting of the ruling national executive that there should be automatic black representation at constituency, regional and national level in the party's power structure.

On the day after the NEC refused to endorse Mr Russell Profitt, chosen by Lewisham East as parliamentary candidate with participation of a black section, Mr Kinnock declared: "I am adamantly against black sections. The overwhelming majority of the NEC are against them."

He added: "I would be against any development which constitutionally gave separate status on the basis of colour of skin or ethnic origins.

"I would not give a damn if the whole Labour Party was against me on this. That is not the case but it is a matter of basic values."

Mr Kinnock's words will provoke anger among black section campaigners and lead to a bitter confrontation at this year's annual conference in Bournemouth.

Several other constituencies are going ahead with the selection of candidates with unofficial black sections, and will thus have their choices declared invalid by the NEC.

Labour's black and Asian activists have argued that the only way they can win a guaranteed say in party affairs is to be given representation in special sections, similar to those which exist for women and youth.

Steel union votes to retain political fund

By Paul Routledge, Labour Editor

Steel workers have voted by more than six to one in favour of retaining the union's political fund, and it is now being predicted that the Labour Party will retain the affiliation of all 40 unions that provide the bulk of the party's finances.

In a 67.6 per cent turnout, members of the Iron and Steel Trades Confederation voted 28,633 (86.7 per cent) to 4,404 (13.3 per cent) to continue paying the 3p a week political levy:

It was immediately seized upon by Mr Graham Allen, organizer for the Trade Union Co-ordination Committee as evidence that the Government had miscalculated in its expectation that some unions would vote to sever their links with Labour.

He said: "If all the unions organize in the way the ISTC have, with a very professional and efficient campaign getting the message over, it is my view that all unions will retain their political funds, and others may join them."

The steelworkers are a traditionally moderate union, and there have been some indications from Teeside branches of a desire to loosen the ties with Labour in favour of links with the SDP.

The steelworkers are the second union to ballot on political funds, in line with the provisions of the Trade Union Act, 1984, which compels all unions to hold such a poll before March, 1986. The first, by the Society of Graphical and Allied Trades, yielded a 3 to 1 majority in favour of maintaining the political levy.

Trapped Palestinians 'just go on fighting'

From Robert Fisk, Chatila Camp, Beirut

We were standing, the army lieutenant and I, not 200 yards from the mass graves of those Palestinians massacred by Israel's Phalangist allies in 1982.

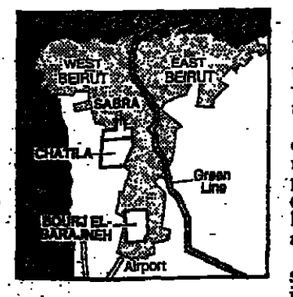
Just down the dirt road, past the broken car repair shops and around the mosque below us, some more Palestinians were dying yesterday, courtesy of Syria's Shia Muslim allies. The enormous vibrations of incoming shells could be felt beneath our feet.

"The Palestinians are trapped in a square round the mosque", the lieutenant said. He spoke with a kind of studied weariness, for he had been fighting all morning. "They have only about a hundred square yards left. Some of them are fighting from beneath the ground. They cannot possibly get out – but they just go on fighting."

There was one Shia Muslim gunman with the lieutenant's squad of Sixth Brigade soldiers, an Amal militiaman in blue jeans who wore a white cowboy hat and watched us both suspiciously, as if the defeat of Yassir Arafat's guerrillas in Sabra and Chatila was taking rather too long. The soldiers ignored him, squatting instead beside their light tanks amid a litter of spent heavy machine-gun rounds.

The noise was ear-shattering, an almost constant detonation of high explosives pitched against the sound of dozens of automatic weapons. The deserted breeze-block buildings of the Palestinian camp gave the shell bursts a flat-sounding quality, as if they were exploding in a quarry.

In Amman, we had heard, Arafat himself was talking of a "massacre", of a Syrian-Israeli conspiracy that was wiping out his guerrillas in Beirut.



If plot there was, it was unravelling yesterday in bright afternoon sunshine, the first real day of summer heat, stained only by a curtain of thick black smoke that cowled the buildings to the north of us where the Palestinians were still holding out in the suburbs of Fakhani.

Before 1982, Afafat had had his headquarters in these bleak, 10-storey apartments; they had tunnels then and deep bunkers which the guerrillas knew how to use. They still do.

They were helped, too yesterday by their comrades in the mountains above Beirut, the pro-Syrian PLO men who changed sides two days ago to help Arafat and turned their artillery on the city.

"The Palestinians there started firing at us this morning," the lieutenant said. He spoke with a slight American accent – a relic of his training at Fort Knox – and he pointed to the hills, shading his eyes against the glare of the sun.

"Up there at Bhamdoun and Aley," he said, "the PLO are shooting with big guns onto the Amal men around Fakhani."

We stared at the hot mountains for a few seconds, and sure enough a little smudge of brown and grey smoke climbed guiltily from one of the slopes. The shell hissed over the camp and reverberated somewhere inside the tunnel of black dust and smoke to the north.

Most of the Palestinian civilians from the southern end of Chatila fled three days ago. But the lieutenant agreed, in a quieter voice, that there were "very many" people wounded near the mosque for whom there was as yet no help.

About 200 people have died so far in the fighting, and there is no record of the prisoners whom Amal has taken and of whose fate we have had only occasional evidence.

Several truckloads of blindfolded young Palestinians, for example, were driven to the unfinished tower block by the ring motorway on Wednesday night. And yesterday morning I

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Alliance makes further gains in control of shire counties

By Hugh Clayton, Local Government Correspondent

The Alliance parties yesterday took control of Wiltshire and Devon county councils and Lancashire Liberals helped Conservatives to depose the Labour chairman.

The Alliance now controls four county councils compared with one before the shire elections early this month. It held the Isle of Wight with a clear majority in the election and now holds Devon with minority Labour support.

Somerset and Wiltshire are under Alliance control because the other parties did not combine to defeat it. Gloucestershire is likely to come under Alliance control for the first time next week. Like the other Alliance county council gains, it was a Conservative stronghold.

The position in Warwickshire, where Labour was expected to oust the Conservatives with Alliance support, was unclear after the annual meeting yesterday. The council emerged with no overall control after Conservatives managed to retain some key positions.

A secret ballot among Wiltshire councillors gave the Alliance all the committee chairmanships and left Mr Jack Ainslie, a Liberal who farms near Marlborough, chairman of both the council and the policy and resources committee.

Labour support gave Liberals most of the key positions on Devon County Council, while a few committee chairmanships went to the SDP. Liberal and SDP councillors have formed single groups in Devon, Somerset and Wiltshire and have formed minority administrations in which they are outnumbered by the combined strength of the Conservative and Labour councillors.

● Mr Kenneth Baker, Minister for Local Government, yesterday taunted Mr Neil Kinnock, leader of the Opposition, over the rates rebellion still being pursued by six Labour councils. Mr Baker said at the Conservative women's conference in London that Mr Kinnock should tell the councils which have not fixed rates to fulfil their legal duty by doing so. He asked: "Who is in charge of the Labour Party today?"

Southwark councillors split evenly yesterday in a vote on rate fixing.

Ms Hilda Kean resigned as Labour leader in Hackney after many of her party's councillors there had voted with Conservatives and Liberals to meet Government rate demands.

Mr Baker said he intended to produce plans for rating reform at the end of the year. But they would not include an extension of rates to farmland.



Lieutenant-Colonel Wylie (right) and a party of friends preparing to cross the Channel on the Riss I (Photograph: Harry Kerr).

Little ships sail for Dunkirk

By Michael Horsnell

A convoy of the original little ships that plucked 340,000 British and Allied soldiers to safety from the advancing Germans in 1940 will set sail from Dover today for the beaches of Dunkirk.

While most of the skippers who took part in Operation Dynamo 45 years ago this weekend have faded away like old soldiers, many of their vessels were shining like new pins in Granville Dock, Dover, yesterday as their present owners prepared for the pilgrimage.

A flotilla of about 30 of the original 500 small boats that rescued the British Expeditionary Force will be escorted by the Exocet-armed Type 21 frigate Active, a veteran of the Falklands conflict. Celebrations wi be held throughout the weekend along the French coast.

The Association of Dunkirk Little Ships (ADLS) was formed by Raymond Baxter, the broacaster, in 1965 after he had bought the 30ft wooden motor yacht L'Orage, which under its original name of Surrey ferried countless soldiers to safety during the evacuation.

While flying over the Dunkirk beaches 20 years ago his son Graham, then aged 13, suggested that they bring the boat over as a tribute to her galantry.

Now Admiral of the ADLS, Mr Baxter said: "Her engines didn't stop for five days and nights running a shuttle service from the beaches to the bigger ships off shore."

Wielding a tin of Brasso on her shining deck, Mr Baxter added: "You can't help but feel the pride in her and all the other ships when you sail to Dunkirk. What they all performed was a miracle."

The evacuation of Dunkirk after the surrender of The Netherlands and Belgium, was planned during a state of crisis. On May 14, 1940, with little thought of retreat, The Admiralty appealed on BBC radio for owners of boats between 30ft and 100ft in length to register them in case of need, and the result was both immediate and impressive.

Within nine days the full-scale withdrawal was in progress. On May 26 Operation Dynamo was ordered and the fleet assembled from as far afield as the East Anglia coast.

The little ships came in their hundreds to augment Royal Navy destroyers, minesweepers, torpedo boats, lifeboats, cross-Channel packets, coasters, and trawlers, and for six days, often without charts, short of food and fuel and exposed to the full onslaught of the Luftwaffe they made their dangerous passage to and from the beached bringing to safety thousands of hungry and very tired soldiers.

The Association of Dunkirk Little Ships is a unique yacht club of boats rather than people – to qualify for membership the applicant has to prove only that his vessel took part in the evacuation.

Sailing at a sedate six knots, the speed at which they brought home the troops, the convoy will arrive tonight in France.

The weekend events will end with a wreath-laying ceremony one mile off-shore on Sunday when the boats will form a circle and a RAF helicopter will drop a floral tribute into the sea. There will then be a fly past by a Hurricane and a Spitfire fighter from the RAF's Battle of Britain Flight.

Among those who took part in Operation Dynamo are a few who were snatched to safety. They include Colonel Kenneth Wylie, aged 73, who retired from the Army in 1958.

Colonel Wylie was the headquarters adjutant of the 22nd Corps Royal Engineers. He was picked up on May 31 after signalling a small boat with a flashlight from the beach.

Colonel Wylie said: "I have never gone back and I am sure its going to look very different. We were lucky, but a number of my friends were not and it is sadness tinged with pride that I feel.

Methodist warning on Freemasons

By Clifford Longley, Religious Affairs Correspondent

Christianity and Freemasonry are incompatible, according to the findings of an inquiry which is to be presented to the Methodist Church this summer. The church's conference, which meets in July, is expected to adopt the recommendation that Methodists should not be Freemasons, and those who are should leave.

The resolution which called for the inquiry last year was carried with a groundswell of anti-mason feeling among delegates to the Methodist Conference. The significance of the Methodist verdict is that the Church of England, to which most of Britain's 500,000 masons belong, is committed to a similar inquiry of its own, in the light of whatever conclusion the Methodists reached.

This further blow to masonry follows the official "advice" given to Metropolitan police officers last autumn, against masonic membership.

In each of these cases, one of the principal complaints against the masonic movement is secrecy. In response to it, it is understood, the United Grand Lodge of England, whose Grand Master is the Duke of Kent, has recently decided upon a policy of greater openness. In particular, it has decided to co-operate with agencies of the mass media which have inquiries in good faith about masonry, which is a reversal of the previous policy of non-co-operation.

Under the new policy, the only "secrets" that English masonry is determined to maintain concern the rituals of lodge meetings and passwords. At the same time the Grand Lodge has tried to meet growing religious objections tomasonry by a fresh declaration that "Freemasonry is not a religion."

In a statement from its information committee, dated May 16, the Grand Lodge broke its long-standing tradition of not making public statements in order to "amplify" previous policy statements circulated within masonry in 1962 and 1981.

The new statement says that Freemasonry is not a religion nor a substitute for it, and while it requires that its members should believe in a "supreme being" it "provides no system of faith of its own". Rituals, which include prayers, relate only to the matters in hand "and do not amount to the practice of religion."

It is understood that the Grand Lodge, and its information committee, know of the Methodist condemnation of Freemasonry in advance of its publication, which is due next month. Grand Lodge officials were consulted in the course of the Methodist inquiry, but profess to be dissatisfied by the degree of consultation. The masons feel that the Methodist Church is accusing it of being a "rival religion".

Coalition speculation

Kinnock's crusade against a pact

By Anthony Bevins, Political Correspondent

With Labour and the Alliance maintaining a neck-and-neck lead in the latest opinion polls, Mr Neil Kinnock is going all out to kill political speculation about a coalition if the next election results in a hung Parliament.

Last week's scathing personal attack on Dr David Owen, leader of the Social Democratic Party, as someone with "an ego fat on arrogance and drunk on ambition", and the Alliance as "liquid grease that slips and slides to the lowest level of responsibility", was part of the strategy.

But Mr David Steel, the Liberal leader, who was notably excluded from personal criticism by Mr Kinnock, has said emphatically the Labour will not "peel" him away from Dr Owen. Likewise, Dr Owen has said there is no chance of the Tories causing a rift between him and Mr Steel.

They have both stated that there will have to be joint Alliance negotiations with a minority administration. Talks would begin with the party, whether Conservative or Labour, which had won the largest number of votes, irrespective of seats, in a new Parliament, and they would demand a hard and fast agreement on policy and proportional representation.

Any agreement reached would then have to ratified by a majority of either the Conservative backbench 1922 committee or the Parliament Labour Party.

Without such an agreement, the Alliance would vote down a minority administration, it only because the economic situation would demand a greater degree of international confidence in the stability of the government.

Mrs Margaret Thatcher and Mr Kinnock cannot publicly concede the possibility of anything but an outright Conservative or Labour majority at the next election.

But it has been noticeable that Labour's leaders have been more flamboyant in dismissing a possible association with the Alliance.

Mr Steel gave a warning in an open letter to Mr Kinnock: "If you are not prepared to contemplate power-sharing and dusting down the Labour Party's pre-war commitment to electoral reform, then you must not be surprised if the Conservative Party moves fast in these directions post-election, and if you find yourself continuing as leader of our official Opposition."

While Mr Kinnock is unlikely to repeat his personal attack on Dr Owen, he will continue to send the strongest anti-coalition signal to wavering voters that they must decide between the parties.

Labour will go on pointing out the Alliance divisions on policy and tactics, suggesting its instability in times of crisis.

But as Mr Steel and Dr Owen emphasized this week, it would be a mistake to accept Conservative and Labour denials of coalition at face value.

NGA denies unorthodox pressures

The National Graphical Association (NGA) was not liable for the actions of officials that were contrary to the express instructions of the national leadership, Birmingham High Court was told yesterday on the second day of a hearing at which the union had been accused of "clandestinely" continuing a blacking campaign against a newspaper group.

A writ for the sequestration of the union's funds is being sought by the *Express and Star*, Wolverhampton, the *Shropshire Star* and Precision Colour Printing (PCP) of Telford, Shropshire.

They allege that the union covertly carried out a campaign to black four companies which had dealings with PCP, in order to put financial pressure on the group in a dispute about the proposed introduction of direct input, or single-key new technology at the *Express and Star*, in spite of a High Court order that blacking should stop.

Mr James Gaudie, QC, for the NGA, said Members of the union had been instructed to stop sanctions, in a circular sent out by Mr Tony Dubbins, the general secretary. "The union has liability, but only for the actions it has expressly authorized or has ratified. There is no imputed or absolute liability for the actions of officials acting outside the scope of their authority," he said.

He said that if the union's national council and the general secretary instructed that the court order was to be observed, officers had no authority to do anything but comply with it.

Mr Justice Skinner intervened to say he took the view that a branch was part of the union and indicated that if he found the case proved, the proper remedy would be a fine. He reserved judgement which, he said would be delivered in the new law term.

NUM's strike aftermath

Lengthy legal wrangles ahead

By David Felton, Labour Reporter

The National Union of Mineworkers faces many months and perhaps years of legal wrangles to retain control of its frozen assets and resolve the court actions which working miners are determined to pursue.

Return of its funds from the control of the sequestrators and receiver is the union's priority in view of the £500,000 legal costs so far incurred, but senior officials believe the working miners' actions will be more of a long-term difficulty.

At least three key court actions will be launched by the National Working Miners Committee unless the union agrees to state publicly that the 12-month strike was unofficial, which would be extremely unlikely.

A hearing of the latest position on sequestration is likely to be held when the new legal term starts next month. Legal sources believe that until the union agrees voluntarily to repatriate the £7.6 million funds still lodged in overseas banks there can be no question of the sequestration ending.

Mr Justice Nicholls, who originally imposed the sequestration after the union's refusal to pay a £200,00 fine for contempt of court, will decide whether repatriation of the funds is sufficient for the union to be regarded as having purged its contempt.

Another, potentially more serious, problem facing the union lies in the working miners' determination to seek an admission that the strike was unofficial. Lawyers representing the 16 miners, who come from most of the coalfields, will also pursue their action to have each of the 25-strong union executive held personally liable for payment of the £200,000 contempt fine.

The working miners' action led to the union being put into receivership. That order will not be lifted until the overseas funds are brought back

The £200,000 fine has been paid out of the £4.9 million which had been lodged by the union with a Luxembourg bank, although the remainder is subject to an indemnity signed by the receiver to protect the bank against any future claims by the union. The receiver will require the union to discharge the indemnity before it can take control of the money.

Meanwhile the NUM has to continue operating as a union, which costs about £100,000 a week. It had been eclectic in its search for finance and last month salaries were paid by a "legal entity" known to lawyers and Mr Justice Nicholl.

Some sympathetic unions are known to be providing "back-door" finance for day-to-day operations, in the absence so far of any agreement by the TUC to accede to the NUM's request for the establishment of a trust fund of £25,000 a week to keep it going.

● Hopes rose of a settlement of the week-old overtime ban by 16,000 pit deputies after a two-hour meeting between Nacods leaders and Mr Peter Walker, Secretary of State for Energy

MP wants sharp shock inquiry

By Richard Evans, Lobby Reporter

The Home Secretary will be urged next week to set up an inquiry into Britain's "short, sharp, shock" detention centres after new allegations of assault and bullying of inmates by staff.

Police have already been called in to investigate complaints of mistreatment at the Aldington centre near Ashford in Kent, and now a Labour MP has tabled a number of Commons questios about alleged incidents at centres in Werrington, near Stoke-on-Trent, Send, near Woking, Blantyre in Kent and Usk in Gwent.

Mr Gerry Bermingham, MP for St Helens, South, said last night: "I understand complaints have been registered at these four centres."

Mr Bermingham, a lawyer who has been monitoring complaints made to probation officers and solicitors from inmates and former inmates, says they follow a similar pattern.

'No witch-hunt' pledge on Bradford disaster

From Peter Davenport, Bradford

The judge appointed to head the inquiry into the Bradford City football ground fire said yesterday that the investigation would be neither a witch-hunt nor a whitewash. Mr Justice Popplewell was speaking at the opening of a preliminary hearing in Bradford called to decide on representation and procedure.

He said: "This is an inquiry, it is not litigation, it is not a law suit in which one party wins and another party loses. I am concerned to inquire, report and make recommendations.

"Mine is a factual exercise, in short, no-one is on trial here. The inquiry is not a substitute for the ordinary legal process of criminal or civil suit, it is neither a whitewash nor a witch-hunt."

The judge has been appointed by the Home Secretary to investigate the Bradford fire, which claimed 53 lives, and the outbreak of football crowd trouble on the same day at Birmingham in which a supporter aged 15 lost his life when a wall collapsed. He is to study the operation of the Safety of Sports Grounds Act, 1975, and to recommend, if necessary, new measures to improve crowd safety and control.

Witnesses will give evidence on oath but the inquiry has no powers to compel anyone to attend

Hindley and Brady to stay in jail

The Parole Board has decided not to release the Moors murderers Myra Hindley and Ian Brady, it was announced yesterday.

Mr Leon Brittan, Home Secretary, said he had accepted the board's recommendations. He has agreed that Brady's case should be reconsidered in 10 years and Hindley's in five.

Mr Brittan said: "I would repeat that the review then of these cases does not mean either that the periods of detention necessary to meet the requirements of retribution and deterrence will have been completed or be near completion."

He made it clear that further consideration of their cases would not mean either that the board would recommend their release or that the then Home Secretary would necessarily accept such a recommendation.

High Court suffers from unsuitable premises

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

Increasing numbers of people who want a High Court trial with a High Court judge are not getting it because of pressure on the system, a Law Society official said yesterday.

Instead they are being heard in county courts, Mr Allen Davies, of the society's contentious business department, told *The Times*. Queen's Bench Masters could remit certain selected cases to county courts which could then issue judgement in excess of their jurisdiction.

He was commenting on strong criticism of working conditions in the High Court made by a Judge of the Court of Appeal, Lord Justice Parker, in the annual Denning lecture to the Bar Association for Commerce, Finance and Industry. Some of the pressure of business rooms in the High Court hearings were held are not fit to be courts, Lord Justice Parker said.

Fifteen rooms in the Royal Courts of Justice and eight in other buildings were being used as "so-called courts". Some were fit only for temporary use for High court work and others were not suitable at all.

In one such so-called court a witness was so close to the judge he could see what he was writing.

Loed Justice Parker said: "One has a choice between opening the windows and being unable to hear for the roar of the traffic in the Strand, or keeping them closed and suffering from increasing lack of oxygen, so bad that one sometimes has to use one's last gasp in announcing an adjournment at 3pm, or finding that by 4.15 everyone is asleep."

A transcript of the tape at a trial at that particular court was found to have many gaps where the transcriber had been unable, owing to traffic noise, to hear witnesses.

FO 'leaks' suspension

By Robin Young

An official in the Overseas Development Administration has been suspended without pay after Foreign and Commonwealth Office documents were leaked to *The Observer* showing that the Foreign Office was secretly working to block loans and aid to the Sandinista Government in Nicaragua.

Mr George Foulkes, Labour frontbench foreign affairs spokesman on Latin America, claimed the official had been suspended for giving information to MPs.

Mr Foulkes said he was tabling a parliamentary question to Sir Geoffrey Howe, Foreign Secretary.

A spokesman for the ODA confirmed yesterday that a young probationary clerical officer had been suspended

Irish police forces' rift widens

From Richard Ford, Belfast

The Irish Republic's police have accused the Royal Ulster Constabulary of conducting a "finger-pointing" exercise, as the rift between the two forces continues to overshadow the deaths of four police officers in a Provisional IRA border bombing.

In an unprecedented two-page statement, the Gardia express extrreme disappointment that Sir John Hermon, chief constable of the RUC, had issues a late night statement effectively pointing a finger at the republic's police force.

The strong criticism of the RUC statement is made without mentioning Sir John, but clearly shows the anger felt in Dublin at his claim that the explosives and men involved in the bomb attack at Killeen, near Newry, Co Down, came from the republic.

The Gardia's statement says that the RUC has produced no evidence to support its claim, which was speculation based on what it thought might have been the case.

The statement is careful not to rule out involvement by people south of the border, but adds that the language used by the RUC was not that of "co-operation and mutual concern".



Sir John: Anger at his claim.

It accuses the RUC headquarters of using the media as a channel to put pressure on the Gardai to set up meetings between them and the northern police and says that since the bombing "the finger-pointing has continued".

"It is counter-productive, when people whose co-operatin is being sought, are treated in this way. It is in everybody's interests – with the notable and obvious exception of the extremists on both sides – that the misjudgements of the last day or two should now be recognized for what they are, and that both forces should be allowed to continue their co-operation in an effective, professional way."

Last night there were clear indications that both sides wished to end the unseemly squabbling which has been an additional bonus for the terrorists. Sir John's statement has embarrassed the Government.

Within the RUC there has been concern over his handling of the affair particularly as his approach has worsened the situation. It is not expected that the Guardai Commissioner, Mr Lawrence Wren, and Sir John will meet and already people are looking to 1988, when it is expected not both men will have retired.

Despite public protestations that security co-operation between lower ranks is good, there is private discontent within the RUC over what it claims is lack of co-operation with the south.

Some senior officers in the force attempted slowly to restore relations with their counterparts in the south, but sources say it is inevitable that officers of lower ranks are affected when they know that the two most senior men refuse to meet each other.

Private criticism of the Gardai is now being voiced in a way which has not occurred for many years, with the record of Dr Garret FitzGerald's government on security matters being compared unfavourably with that of Mr Charles Haughey when he was in power.

Whitelaw may head Russia trip

By Our Political Reporter

Lord Whitelaw is being considered as the possible leader of a parliamentary delegation to Moscow later this year to reciprocate the visit to Britain late last year by a Soviet delegation led by Mr Mikhail Gorbachov.

There was considerable embarrassment yesterday inside the Inter-Parliamentary Union, which is organizing the trip, over a report that the Prime Minister had insisted that her deputy should lead the delegation.

The trip is essentially a parliamentary and not a governmental one, and the details had not been fixed with the opposition parties. The decision on the final choice of members rests with the Speaker, Mr Bernard Weatherill, and any suggestion of prime ministerial interference would upset MPs.

Correction

Locomotives hauling Gatwick Express trains between London Victoria and Gatwick Airport are electro-diesels, not diesel-electric as stated on May 18. The electro-diesel is electrically driven with diesel auxiliary power.

Police deny allegation by shepherd

A statement to the General Assembly of the Free Church of Scotland in Edinburgh yesterday by an Elder, who is also a farm shepherd, that "bestiality is rife in Sutherland" was later denied by local police.

They confirmed an account by Mr Sandy Gunn a shepherd, that five breeding ewes had died as a result of being interfered with, but said their injuries were not because of any unnatural connection with humans.

Mr Gunn, a sheperd at Skelbo Farm on Cambusmore Estate, told astounded fellow Free Church Commissioners that bestialtiy was "another work of the devil." He said that five ewes from his own flock had had to be destroyed because of this. He blamed pornographic magazines

Policy to stay

The Government yesterday rejected the idea of a new, comprehensive, policy document on either the future of agriculture or the relationship between farming and conservation after the report of the Commons select committee on the working of the Wildlife and Countryside Act, 1981.

Judgement due today on papers' contempt case

By Tony Samstag

Mr Kelvin MacKenzie, editor of *The Sun* newspaper, is to learn this afternoon whether he is to be taught a lesson for paying no more than "lip service" to the orders of the court in the dispute with Mirror Group Newspapers over extracts from a book about the murder of a Playboy playmate.

That, in the words of Mr Michael Ogden, QC, in his final submissions for Mirror Group Newspapers and Macdonalds, the book publishers, was the point of bringing committal proceedings against Mr MacKenzie and News Group Newspapers, his publishers, for contempt of court.

Mr Justice Hirst announced that he would give his judgement at 2pm today after hearing Mr Ogden's argument that "*The Sun* needs to be taught that the financial penalties of being in breach of a court order far outweigh the financial benefits of risking being in breach".

The defendants deny contempt of a court injunction, against using extracts from a book, *The Killing of the Unicorn*, by Mr Peter Bogdanovich, an American film director, about his love affair with Miss Dorothy Stratten and her murder by Paul Snider, her husband.

Mr Leonard Hoffman, QC, for *The Sun*, argued yesterday that Mr Robert Maxwell, Mirror Group publisher, was bringing the action to gain "a commercial advantage".

The injunction should never have been granted because, under copyright law, the reproduction of brief extracts was permissable.

The Times overseas selling prices
Austria Sch 29; Belgium B frs 60; Canada $2.75; Canaries Pes 170; Cyprus 70 cents; Denmark Dkr 9.00; Finland Mkk 9.00; France Frs 8.00; Germany DM 3.50; Greece Dr 120; Holland Gl 3.50; Irish Republic 40p; Italy L 2400; Luxembourg Lf 36; Madeira Esc 125; Morocco Dir 9.00; Norway Kr 9.00; Pakistan Rps 18; Portugal Esc 180; Singapore $5.50; Spain Pes 170; Sweden Skr 9.00; Switzerland S Frs 3.00; Tunisia Din 900; USA $1.75; Yugoslavia Din 550

Sunday Times writ against Mirror Group

Times Newspapers Ltd last night issued the following statement:

Times Newspapers Ltd and William Collins, the publishers, are issuing a writ against Mirror Group Newspapers and the *Sunday People* for breach of copyright and confidence in publishing material from the forthcoming book, *Lloyd on Lloyd*, by Chris and John Lloyd with Carol Thatcher.

The book is about the tennis stars' married life, their separation and reconciliation.

British serial rights to the book have been acquired by *The Sunday Times* and Collins hold the world rights in it.

Times Newspapers and Collins are to give Mirror Group and the *Sunday People* until this morning to give an assurance that they will undertake not to publish any further extracts or material from the book.

Failing that Times Newspapers and Collins will be forced to seek an injunction.

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Pupils' education affected by dilapidated schools and outdated textbooks

By Lucy Hodges, Education Correspondent

Pupils' education is being severely affected by the dilapidated condition of England's 26,000 schools, Her Majesty's Inspectors say in their annual expenditure survey, published yesterday.

Their report, which presents one of the grimmest pictures yet of the decaying state of school buildings, will be seriously embarrassing to the Government, which has set out to curb local authority spending.

The inspectors say that many schools have rotting window frames, cracked walls and flaking plaster. In some areas the situation is reaching "crisis point" and in one education authority 33 schools have not been internally decorated for 14 years.

"The continuing neglect of the school building stock is not only storing up potentially enormous bills for the future, but is seriously affecting the qua of work and achievement of many pupils and producing a grim environment for them and their teachers," the inspectors say.

The cost of replacing school building stock is about £17.5 billion at present prices, the report adds. Some buildings are in such a bad state that repairs will be impossible. The state of schools was judged to be poor or less than satisfactory in 57 local authorities.

Damage to buildings is caused not only by normal wear and tear but by vandalism. One head teacher told the inspectors that more than 100 windows had been smashed in his school, all the lavatory bowls broken and a classroom set alight.

The inspectors gathered their information last autumn term by visiting 1,540 schools and 477 colleges. They sat in on 13,330 lessons and analysed the effects of local authority spending policies and the cuts imposed on education institutions.

"The picture for 1984-85 remains one of an education system that is managing to get by in terms of resources and where what goes on is of satisfactory or better quality."

Many schools were using dilapidated or out-of-date sets of books, although book provision had improved slightly overall. In the primary school lessons which were unsatisfactory, half were being adversely affected by inadequate book provision.

In one junior class the inspectors found children using "a history textbook published in 1953 and atlases which were so outdated that little more than the outlines of the continents remained accurate".

In 13 per cent of secondary schools the quality of work was being affected by an inadequate supply of books. At one school pupils passed through to the fifth form without having been able to take textbooks home.

"In many other schools pupils had to share books, and in one the only textbook available had been photocopied so that pupils could read the poem being discussed."

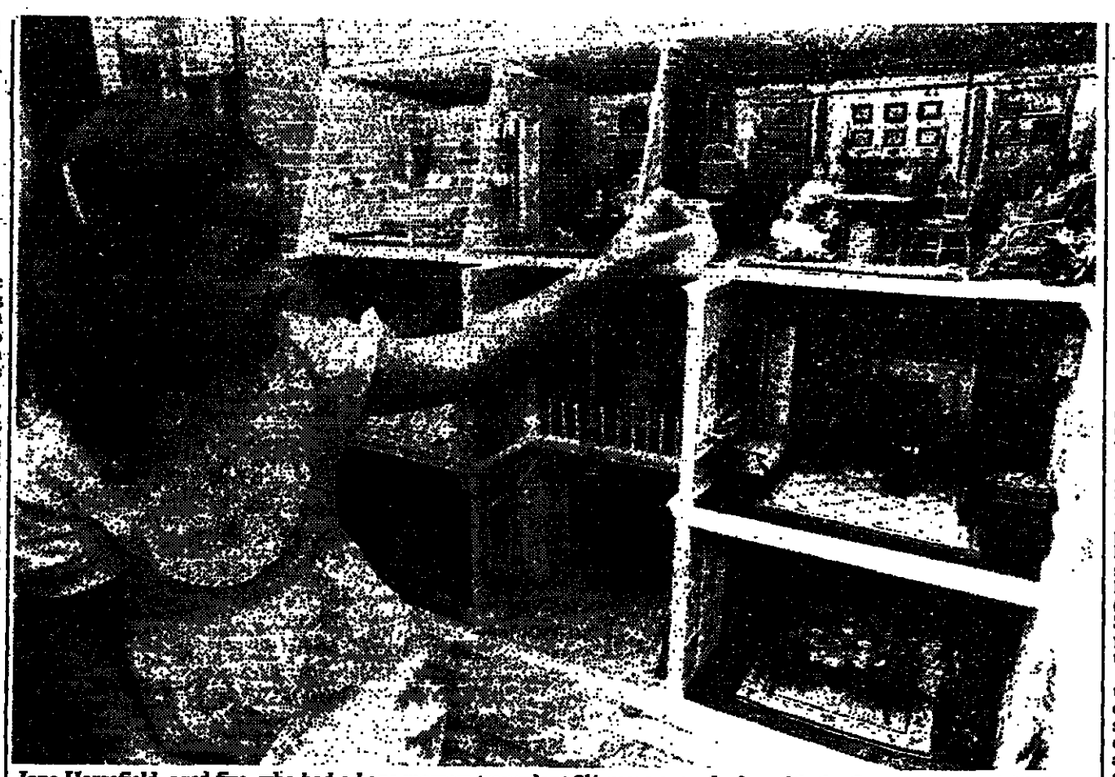
Schools were increasingly having to rely on contributions from parents. In primary schools these ranged from £300 to £3,250; in secondary schools from £100 to 20,000.

The inspectors said that poor or unsuitable accommodation was adversely affecting the quality of work in more than one-fifth of all lessons seen. One authority calculated that it had a backlog of work which would cost £32.5 million to clear.

The inspectors were also critical of teachers and head teachers. They said that in almost one-third of the schools poor leadership and management were adversely affecting the quality of work. In nearly half the schools the organization of learning was unsatisfactory in some lessons.

Mr Fred Jarvis, general secretary of the National Union of Teachers, said that the report showed schools to be squalid, over-pressurized, under-resourced, riddled with inequality and still deteriorating.

Report by HM Inspectors on the Effects of Local Authority Expenditure Policies on Education Provisions in England, 1984. (Department of Education and Science).



Jane Horsefield, aged five, who had a bone marrow transplant 2½ years ago, playing with the Ormond House doll's house at the Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street, London, yesterday. The house will be raffled on September 12 in aid of the Leukaemia Research Fund. (Photograph: John Voos).

Hotels get go-ahead for satellite television

By Bill Johnstone
Technology Correspondent

Television programmes beamed from Europe and the United States by satellite to hotels, office blocks, and universities will become commonplace because of the Government's decision yesterday to relax the rules restricting broadcasting in Britain. The system is called Satellite Master Antenna Television (SMATV).

The decision will allow those premises, on receipt of a licence, to erect an aerial to receive television channels from low-power telecommunication satellites. There are at present two satellite systems in orbit over Europe, Intelsat and ECS (European Communication Satellite), offering a range of programmes including film, music and sport.

The licensed premise will hav restrictions imposed on it depending on whether the satellite programmes are to be distributed to other premises. If a number of premises share the signal then in effect it is deemed to be a small cable television system and will be given approval only in areas where a licensed multi-channel cable television system does not already exist. There are 11 such licensed areas in Britain

The multiple premise systems will also be required to offer the programmes to be carried on the high-power British television satellite due for launch within the next four years which will offer three television channels.

Rampaging schoolchildren urged on by outsiders

Schoolchildren who went on the rampage a week before the national walk-out in schools last month were organized bu outsiders, a court was told yesterday.

Twelve pupils agreed to be bound over for 12 months in the sum of £50 by Kirkby magistrates, in Merseyside. They were charged with various offences, including using threatening behaviour, assaulting police and possessing offensive weapons.

But Mr David Kilner, for the prosecution, said: "The situation having been orchestrated by people who are not before the court justice would be met by binding over."

The arrests were made on April 18 and 19. Mr Kilner said: "An estimated 300 hundred to 500 hundred went on the rampage through the town centre and at schools."

Three other pupils who pleaded not guilty will appear before a special court on June 27.

Woman, 82, died from cat bites

A verdict of accidental death was recorded at Stratford-on-Avon yesterday on an elderly widow who was bitten by one of her stray cats.

Mrs Winifred Peart, aged 82, was found dead in the kitchen of her home, in Studley, Warwickshire, on Sunday by a friend.

A pathologist's report found that she died of shock and haemorrhage as a result of cat bites to her leg, two of which punctured varicose veins.

Race attacks started 'by small incident'

A tiny incident ignited violence between Asian youths and white youths in London's East End last April. The Central Criminal Court was told yesterday.

It led to attacks which ended with about 50 Asian youths attacking the Duke of Edinburgh public house in Green Street, Upton, Mr Michael Kalisher, for the prosecution, said.

He was opening the case against seven Asian youths and three white youths who have all denied charges arising from the violence on April 7.

Mr Kalisher said that the trouble started with offensive behaviour by white youths which provoked violent behaviour by some of the Asians.

One defendant Parvais Khan, was not in court after allegedly being beaten by prison officers on Wednesday.

The trial was adjourned until today.

Muhammed Hanif, aged 18, of Wanlip Road, Plaistow; Bahadur Khan, aged 22, of Shrewsbury Road, Forest Gate; Zafar Khan, aged 18, of East Avenue, Forest Gate; Amjad Ali, aged 21, of Dennison Point, West Ham; Parvais Khan, aged 17, of East Avenue, Forest Gate; Athar Chaudri, aged 19, of Cambridge Road, Wanstead; Jothi Rajapaan, aged 17, of Hockley Avenue, East Ham; Roy Lellow, aged 26, of Carlton Terrace, East Ham, his brother Robert Lellow, aged 21, of Shaftesbury Road, Forest Gate and Stuart Young, aged 22, of Dickens Road, East Ham, have variously denied charges of affray, assault, possession of offensive weapons or criminal damage.

Mother not warned of drug effects

A mother of three children who claimed her skin changed colour and her hair fell out after taking the birth control drug, Depo-Provera won £3,600 damages in the High Court yesterday.

But Mr Justice Leonard said the award was not for these and other "exaggerated" side effects, including lost sex drive, but because Mrs Letitia Blyth was not warned of the heavy bleeding and menstrual irregularity

Mrs Blyth, aged 34, of Islington, north London, was injected with the drug.

Royal gun scare

Ivan James, aged 41, of Newcastle-under-Lyme, Staffordshire, was arrested yesterday carrying an imitation gun and imitation hand granade outside a Wolverhampton community centre minutes before a visit by the Princess of Wales. The man, who is believed to be an eccentric, will not be charged

BSM reject criticism of methods

The British School of Motoring last night accused BBC Television of making it "a scapegoat" for the inadequacies of the driving instruction industry.

Allegations on *Breakfast Time* that half of BSM's instructors were unqualified were rejected by its chairman, Mr Anthony Jacobs.

Its consumer affairs correspondent, Ms Lynn Faulds Wood, and her team claimed to have interviewed 150 former BSM employees. Allegations concerned the number of trainee instructors and recruitment policy.

One former BSM official alleged that there had been falsification of supervision records by trainees at his branch.

Mr Jacobs said that employees were not encouraged to falsify records. But he added: "There are loopholes in the law and if any good is to come of this programme, it will focus attention on the real problems".

Cockroach food risk denied

Cockroaches found in food served to a nurse and two patients at a London hospital were not a health hazard because they had been killed by the cooking, the hospital's catering manager said yesterday.

Mr James Chambers confirmed that cockroaches were found in meals served at the Royal Free Hospital, Hampstead, on Saturday. Steps were being taken to prevent any recurrence.

But he added that, if food containing cockroaches was cooked to the correct temperture, there was no health hazard, in the same way that bacteria found in chicken was killed when properly cooked.

The health workers' union, Nupe, however, blamed the cockroaches on cuts in cleaning schedules at the hospital, claiming that the kitchens were "absolutely filthy".

The cockroaches were all found in chicken stew on the lunch menu.

Shopping centre for Bath

The Treatment Rooms at the Royal Bath, a listed building in the heart of Bath, is to be converted into a £7.5 million, three-level, covered centre with 22 shops. Grosvenor Square Properties, a London-based developer, has been chosen by Bath City Council to carry out the scheme, which will involve restoring the facade of the building and its well-known colonnades. The shopping centre, close to the Pump Room and Roman Bath, will have a central atrium with a glass-sided lift.

The developer is paying the council £3 million for a long lease on the site. Part of the money will be used to help to finance the £2 million scheme across the road being carried out by Blakeney Hotels. The hotel group is to restore the listed Georgian buildings, including the Cross Bath, for use as a spa, health and leisure centre.

Docklands airport approved

By Michael Baily, Transport Editor

London Docklands' new mini-airport is expected to be operating late next year after yesterday's Government approval announced by Mr Patrick Jenkin, Secretary of State for the Environment, after five years of controversy.

Work will start immediately on the former royal docks site in Newham to provide more than 100 flights daily for City businessmen to Paris, Brussels, Frankfurt, Rotterdam, Amsterdam and nine British cities, using 50-seat jet-prop airliners.

The decision was promptly condemned by the Greater London Council in spite of conditions imposed by Mr Jenkin to limit nuisance to residents living in the surrounding area. These include a ban on helicopters and club and recreational flights; a limit of 30,160 flights a year, or 120 a day on weekdays and 40 on Sunday and holidays; flights confined to 06.30-22.00 on weekdays and 09.00-22.00 on Sundays; a limit on aircraft types and length of runway; and the provision of noise barriers.

But Mr Michael Ward, deputy leader of the GLC, condemned the decision as the Trojan horse that would let jet and helicoptor noise in to east London.

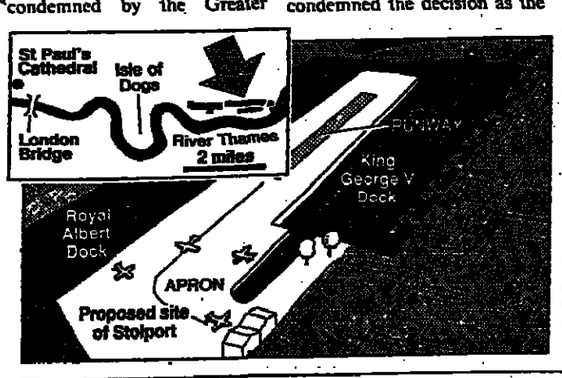
He said that Government controls would be worthless once developers came under market pressure to expand the airport, and instead called for adoption of the GLC's own plans for new jobs, cheap housing, and leisure facilities in the area.

Mr Reg Ward, chief executive of the Docklands Development Corporation, welcomed the decision, which he said was supported two-to-one by local people. It would provide substantial job creation and would be a catalyst for future regeneration of Docklands.

The short-landing and take-off airport, now to be called London City Airport, will be built by the developers, Mowlem, at a cost of £12 million-£15 million providing a single short runway for De Havilland's quiet Dash 7 airliner, with terminal and hotel buildings.

Most flights will be be provided by Brymon Airways of Plymouth, Europe's leading operator of Dash 7's, who expect to buy six more airliners at £6 million each

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Barmaid wins Tory club dismissal case

A barmaid who was dismissed after allegedly showing her underwear at a Conservative club party, won her case against unfair dismissal yesterday.

Mrs Sylvia MacWilliams, aged 45, a grandmother and mother of four, of Thornham Road, Ashley, Hampshire, was awarded £816 damages for loss of earnings by an industrial tribunal in Southampton.

She said after the hearing that she has no intention of going back to work at the club. However, she will visit the club again "in my own good time".

It had been alleged that the incident happened at a New Year's Eve party at the New Milton Conservative club in the New Forest.

Mrs Doris Scoffin, a club member, told the tribunal: "There were about 10 to 12 people. They were pulling clothes up, taking photographs, lying on the floor and the most dreadful part was when they pulled somebody's trousers down and underpants and he posed while they were taking pictures."

She wrote a letter of complaint to the club alleging that Mrs MacWilliams took part in a skirt-lifting session with photographs. She also complained about the trouser-dropping incident.

Mr N J Filbee, representing the club, said the club committee took a corporate and unanimous decision to dismiss Mrs MacWilliams for misconduct. She had been a part-time barmaid there for just two years and was also a club member.

Mrs MacWilliams admitted that her skirt was lifted at the party and that a male club member attempted to lift another woman's skirt. But she added that she had no prior knowledge that it was to be done or that a photograph would be taken of her with her skirt raised.

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Only NHS cut is in length of patient queues

COMMONS

Mrs Margaret Thatcher, the Prime Minister, underlined in the Commons the message in her speech to the Conservative Women's Conference that the Government had not cut spending.

She was urged to repeat the message by Mrs Anna McCurley (West Renfrew and Inverclyde, C) for the benefit of the Opposition and the country at large.

This Government (Mrs McCurley went on) has consistently increased spending on the health, on society security, on social services, on transport and on various other things. Will Mrs Thatcher kill the myth going about about cuts and will she also take the opportunity to keep repeating this message to the country?

Mrs Thatcher: I would point out that in the National Health Service, the only cuts made are cuts in waiting lists. (Conservative cheers).

Mr Neil Kinnock, Leader of the Opposition: On Tuesday Mrs Thatcher gave us a forecast of what the inflation rate would be at the end of the year. Would she be good enough and as forthcoming as she can be with the unemployment figures at the end of the year? Will they be up or will they be down?

Mrs Thatcher: No one has really given a specific forecast of unemployment either in answering from this box as Labour Ministers or in answering from this box as Conservative Ministers.

Mr Kinnock: Why is she so definite about inflation rates and so evasive about unemployment? Why is she so bold at the Consevative Women's Conferenc and so coy with this House of Commons now and with the British public?

Is it not the case that she believes that unemployment is going to continue to go up. What is she going to do to get it down?

Mrs Thatcher: The real answer is that inflation is technically easier to predict over the short-term than unemployment, and every single Minister has recognized this.

I am delighted to underline the message that the number of qualified doctors and dentists is up nearly 10,000, the number of nurses is well up, the number of home helps is up 3,000, health visitors up 900, district nurses up 1,700 and the number of patients treated up 3.5 million. And teacher's pay on average is up 9 per cent in real terms over what it was under Labour.

Mr Kinnock: I am glad Mrs Thatcher mentioned that. There are now more nurses unemployed, more qualified doctors unemployed and more teachers unemployed than ever before. When will she get unemployment down? What will the trend be at the end of the year?

Mrs Thatcher: There are also 600,000 more jobs in this country than there were two years ago. That is the way to tackle the unemployment problem – gradually to create more jobs.

Later, **Mr Merlyn Rees** (Leeds, South and Morley, Lab) asked: The Prime Minister does not believe these old public opinion polls does she? (Laughter)

Mrs Thatcher: No whatever they say.

Mr John Powley (Norwich South, C): It is quite simple to achieve a temporary improvement in the employment situation. What we really need is a permanent improvement in the employment situation without increasing inflation, without increasing interest rates. It would bring this country to its knees if we followed the policy put forward by the Opposition.

Mrs Thatcher: Yes, I agree with



PM: I do not believe public opinion polls

him. The economic policies which this Government is pursuing were policies which were confirmed by the seven industrial countries meeting at the Bonn summit, including those of Socialist France.

Mr Anthony Blair (Sedgefield, Lab): Has the Prime Minister read the latest regional trends? They disclose a growing gap between north and south in unemployment, in redundancies, in lost job opportunities, in homelessness, in poverty, and in deprivation, and how exactly does that conform with her view of a classless society?

Mrs Thatcher: Last year the Government spent over £600 million in regional preferential assistance – £260 million on the North, North West, Yorkshire and Humberside.

Altogether unemployment is comparatively high in the Northern region, the average weekly manual earnings are the third highest in Great Britain and about equal to the British average.

Mr James Lamond (Oldham Central and Royton, Lab): Is the Prime Minister's determination to build a classless society reinforced when she sees that the same sum of money that she and her Government thinks can support 30 families for a year on unemployment benefit can be spent on a birthday party of a young man of 21?

Mrs Thatcher: That is a highly artificial question. Perhaps he will also address his mind to some of the costs of running this House. (Labour shouts of "Disgraceful").

Minister maintains entry rules have been relaxed

IMMIGRATION

It would be absurd to rewrite the rules to state that anyone who applied to enter the United Kingdom as an immigrant was presumed to have entitlement, even if they could not show it, **Mr David Waddington**, Minister of State, Home Office, said when he opened a Commons debate on the report of the Commission for Racial Equality on immigration control procedures.

Mr Waddington said that the report had said there should be a change of emphasis in the operation of immigration procedures so that the "risk of genuine applicants being refused is reduced to a minimum", but it was not the job of entry clearance officers just to clear queues.

They had to apply the law, which rightly expected the person claiming to enter to establish entitlement.

The origins of the report lay in the case of a woman who sought entry as a fiancée and was subjected to medical examination to establish whether she had borne a child.

That became known as the virginity test case and took place under the last Labour Government. After that incident, instructions were issued that such examinations should cease and they had.

We find (he said) some of the central conclusions of the report very odd: some might say perverse.

The report called for review of guidance and instructions. Internal guidance was already regulary adjusted, but a fundamental review of instructions was under way and the possibility of their being published was being studied.

About 60 per cent of applicants had been separated from their spouses for a longer time before applying than they were in the queue, so it seemed a bit much to accuse the Government of the responsibility for dividing families. Generally speaking, waiting times were shorter than under Labour.

The report said it was fundamentally unfair that husbands and fiancées should have to show that the marriage was not contracted solely or mainly for immigration purposes. He could not see that it was wrong to expect somebody claiming a valuable right to prove his entitlement. Why on earth should he not have to prove it? Why should he be able to come here using marriage as a device?

He was not attacking the practice of arranged marriage. It was those who used that practice for immigration purposes who undermined and discredited the system.

Some people talked as if the 1983 rules marked a draconian tightening up but in fact they were a great relaxation. Before then, the only people who could sponsor a husband or fiancé were girls born here or with one parent born here. The result of the introduction of the 1983 rules was not a reduction in the number of people able to come here as husbands and fiancés, but an increase.

The last thing he wanted was for a person's first impression of this country when arriving at Heathrow to be an unhappy one because of the way they were treated. All complaints against immigration officers were followed up with care and it was a question of being ever alert to improved training.

On after-entry control, any fair minded person would agree that there was no evidence of oppresion in the enforcement of control.

We cannot just ignore intelligence about illegal immigrants (he said). It would be bad for community relations. But the community relations implications of operations should be borne in mind, and generally speaking it is better for immigration staff to carry out this work of enforcement.

We live in a multi-racial society. Our job is to see in this society there is opportunity for all. It is our job to concentrate on that rather than whipping up trouble over immigration controls of a kind which the whole of the Western world has felt obliged to impose and which are in the interests of all of us - black and white.

Mr Gerald Kaufman, chief Opposition spokesman on home affairs, said Labour congratulated the CRE for persevering against ministerial sabotage and insults and had produced one of the most important documents on immigration ever published in this country.

It turned the spotlight on the Government's attitude to immigration policy and on race relations. It was a remarkable report. It had revealed the cursory and insulting way entry clearance officers treated applicants.

He produced a Home Office briefing paper which, he said, demonstrated that the Government used queues to control the flow of immigration, yet the Home Secretary (Mr Leon Brittan) had denied that queues were maintained to do this.

Mr Waddington: Is it not a matter of fact that the number of entry clearance officers in post during the Labour Government regulated the number of people admitted? The waiting time is now generally speaking rather shorter than under Labour.

Mr Kaufman: If that briefing document had come to me I would have torn it into two pieces. Mr Waddington has admitted its authenticity.

The report (he went on) is saying, delicately, that we have a racialist system because we have racialist ministers. Moreover, their racialism is motivated by their wish to prevent a tiny number of people – possibly no more than 5,000 in the first year and fewer after that – from coming to Britain.

Mr Waddington: That is a very serious allegation. Mr Kaufman is entitled to his opinion, but it is nonsense because control operates very much as under Labour, but he must not infer that the report says the trouble is racialist ministers because it does not.

Mr Kaufman continued that the system would change decisively. The Labour Government after the next election would operate firm immigration controls but all democratic countries had such controls.

The legislation would be replaced with an Act which was not only non-sexist but anti-sexist; not only non-racialist but anti-racialist. Racialism would not be tolerated at posts abroad, ports of entry or in the Home Office.

We intend to ensure (he concluded) that once this shameful Government is removed no report such as this will be possible because the conditions which brought it about will be eliminated. That is a pledge which we shall fulfil.

Mr Geoffrey Lawler (Bradford, North, C) said that prevention of the immigration of genuine visitors and of genuinely separated families was neither necessary nor desirable. He suggested that people should be admitted for short temporary stays while inquiries were made.

More cases should be tried by magistrates

CROWN COURTS

Many of the cases at present tried before Crown Courts could well be dealt with by magistrates courts, Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone, the Lord Chancellor, said in the House of Lords when asked what steps were being taken to reduce the delay in judicial proceedings.

Lord Elwyn-Jones, a former Lord Chancellor, said a great deal needed still to be done because defendants were being held in prison for months and many were then tried and aquitted while others did not receive prison sentences.

Could attention be paid (he asked) to the disturbing phenomenon that the number of remand prisoners is increasing?

Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone: The number of remand prisoners will increase with the number of committals although they will not be identical because the majority are on bail. As the number of charges rises, so arithmetically the number of remands rises.

There is legitimate anxiety by the public that offences may continue to be committed if there is a long period between committal and arraignament during which prisoners are on bail.

However, though there is a limit to what can reasonably be done, we ought to look again at the kind of questions which the James Committee was considering.

A great number of cases which are now triable, in the Crown Courts, could perfectly well be dealt with on summary trial by magistrates and that would automatically reduce the number of remands. But the factor that must most concern me is the period of delay between committal and arraignament because these very long periods are, by any standards, wholly unacceptable.

A lot of the controversy is quite unnecessary and is due to a misunderstanding as to what is really at issue. The question really is – are cases properly categorized?

One of the limitation factors on the disposal of Crown Court cases was the provision of accommodation and there was in force a wide building programme.

The number of judges is also a limiting factor (he added) and I have tried to increase the number of full-time circuit judges in post. They are now at about 374 which is a satisfactory increase. But one must keep the quality up; one cannot afford second-rate justice in the Crown Courts or anywhere else.

Assets threat to drug traffickers

Mrs Thatcher, the Prime Minister, confirmed during Commons questions that the Government intended to introduce legislation to seize and confiscate the proceeds of drug traffickers.

The Home Secretary (Mr Leon Brittan) was working on its precise provisions, she said. Legislation could not be introduced before the next parliamentary session.

The subject was raised by Mr John Wheeler (Westminster North, C) who asked: Has she read the Home Affairs Select Committee report on hard drugs published today (Thursday)? Does she agree one of the most serious problems facing the British people is the menace of hard drugs?

Does she agree that the recommendation for new legislation to deal with the seizure of assets should stop traffickers in their tracks?

Mrs Thatcher: Yes, the Government will be considering the report of the Select Committee very carefully. We intend to legislate.

GLC housing tasks still to go directly to London boroughs

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

An attempt to pass the Greater London Council's liabilities for certain housing functions including renovation, to the London Residuary Body rather than to the boroughs, was rejected in the House of Lords by 117 votes to 98 – Government majority, 19. It was the tenth and final day of the committee stage of the local Government Bill.

Lord Elton, Minister of State for Environment, said abolition of the GLC would not reduce the resources available in London. It would simply direct them straight to the boroughs. He would have thought the boroughs would have welcomed the opportunity to manage their own affairs.

Moving the new clause embodying the proposal, **Lady Birk** (Lab) said with 250,000 families homeless in London last year and one home in four in a physically unsatisfactory condition, boroughs were already stretched to breaking point in trying to cope with the capital's housing problems.

We cannot afford (she said) to add to their difficulties by imposing on them new responsibilities immediately in the short run which they are not yet ready to discharge and which could result in the total ruin of many estates – certainly of a number of individual houses – and also the possibility of increasing the number of homeless.

The Minister for Local Government had already suggested that it might be necessary to keep GLC improvement teams in the residuary body. Tenants felt cheated because the boroughs would be under no obligation to do anything to rectify the appalling conditions in which many of them were living.

Lord Plummer of St Marylebone (C) said there were certain public housing activities which must be handled centrally. He hoped the Government would be prepared carefully to consider the merits of this new clause which attempted to find the best method without impairing the main thrust of the Government's intentions.

Whether or not the case for a London-wide housing authority was accepted, the current proposals in the Bill did not represent a satisfactory way of winding up the GLC's housing role as the Government had been forced to distribute functions to a wide range of different bodies. This promised to create confusion and considerable disruption.

Lord Elton said there was no shortage of compassion on the Government side but to be of use it had to be correctly apportioned and effectively deployed.

Concern over the future of London's housing arose because the GLC had responsibility for repairs which it had neglected resulting in a great deal of property being in an unsatisfactory state. This property was to be handed over to the boroughs.

Housing resources would be distributed among the boroughs in line with their housing investment programme allocations. After abolition, the London HIP allocation would be distributed among the boroughs and would include that share which would otherwise have been diverted to the GLC. This distribution would take account of the liabilities inherited from the GLC.

Retrospective powers kept by 41 votes

An amendment with related amendments, moved by **Lord Elwyn-Jones** the former Lord Chancellor, aimed at removing retrospective powers from the Government when it takes control of any of the functions of the GLC and the metropolitan counties pending abolition, was rejected by 113 votes to 72 – Government majority 41.



Elwyn-Jones: Too much Government interference

Lord Elwyn-Jones said the Governments proposals raised constitutional issues and represented an unacceptable degree of interference by central government in the affairs of democratically elected local authorities. The result, he said, would be a dangerous confusion of responsibilities which would affect the efficient and effective management of the authorities.

Not only was the Government taking retrospective powers, but it also intended to introduce retrospective penalties on a considerable scale.

If the Government considered further controls were necessary it should seek them, together with the appropriate penalties, from the date of enactment. It was wrong that councils and councillors could act lawfully only to find later their action had been declared unlawful.

Any future government would be able to point to this Bill as a justification for introducing legislation to give retrospective effect to a ministerial edict pronounced perhaps a year or more beforehand and backed up, as in the present case, by the threat of penalties on those who refuse to come to heel and accept the mere pronouncement of a minister as law. The Government was on a slippery slope.

Lord Elton, Minister of State for Environment, said he was not convinced that the Government was breaking new ground. It was determined to protect ratepayers in all successor authorities and maintain equity between them. It would wish to give careful consideration as to whether assistance given since the July announcement should be the subject of recovery action.

To accept the amendment would be to accept without reservation the GLC's partisan distribution before it was abolished of funds provided by all ratepayers to the benefit of only those who lived in boroughs whose councils were controlled by its political friends.

In different circumstances and in the face of evidence of a more responsible attitude, it might have been possible to bring the provisions into effect on royal assent, but these were not normal circumstances. The need for such provisions was regrettable, but not to have sought them would have been to undermine the purpose of the controls.

To have left it to royal assent would have been irresponsible and would have led to a final bout of asset stripping with successor authorities denuded of assets and ratepayers left to foot the bill.

Lawson admits he does not know

Mr Nigel Lawson, Chancellor of the Exchequer, admitted during Commons questions that he did not know when the Government's economic policies would lead to a reduction in unemployment. He pointed out that no Government had forecast unemployment figures.

Mr Barney Hayhoe, Minister of State, Treasury, said later that the CBI's post-Budget forecast projected a one million increase in jobs between March 1983 and the end of this year.

If that promise had been made by Government ministers at that general election (he added) it would have been laughed at by Labour MPs but the reality is that that is what is forecast for the end of this year.

Mr Lawson, asked about signs of an increase in economic activity, said the April CBI survey into manufacturing showed much improved business optimism, the fastest ever rise in export orders and the expectation of continued and accelerating growth of output.

Mr David Knox (Staffordshire, Moorlands, C) said some Treasury ministers had been making optimistic noises about the economic recovery continuing.

When does the Chancellor anticipate (he asked) that his economic policies will be so successful that unemployment will start to fall? (Labour cheers)

Mr Lawson: We are all greatly concerned that unemployment is high and still rising but there is a remarkable recovery and upswing going on in the UK economy at the present time which has already led over the past two years to more new jobs being created in this country than in the whole of the rest of Europe put together.

When this will lead to a reduction in unemployment, I do not know, but obviously the sooner the better.

Mr Ian Wrigglesworth (Stockton South, SDP): If the Chancellor succeeds in deluding himself about these figures, he should realize he is not deluding anybody else.

He should look not only at the selective figures he chooses but at the Government's own figures from the Central Statistical Office which show that the so-called economic recovery is going to falter even from its present level next year. When will he change course?

Mr Lawson: He is talking rubbish. In 1982 we were being told the recovery would peter out in 1983. Then, when it continued in 1983, we were told it would peter out in 1984, and so on. Now it is continuing strongly this year and he says the same. He ought to learn the lessons of experience and recognize the Government's forecasts so far have been proved right.

Mr Michael Latham (Rutland and Melton, C): Has he noticed that, particularly in Leicestershire, there are already significant examples of skilled and semi-skilled shortages emerging in manufacturing industries, as reported in the local newspapers?

Is the Government giving attention to this to see what can be done to alleviate it?

Mr Lawson: Yes, he is right and I commend the *Leicester Mercury* for its "Jobs Going Begging" feature to which he is referring.

We are increasing expenditure on training substantially at both ends of the training spectrum in terms of the YTS, which we are hoping with the assistance of industry to expand to a two-year scheme with geniune training content and a recognized qualification at the end of it, and we are switching resources within higher and further education to produce more of the highly skilled technologists industry badly needs.

Mr Roy Hattersley, chief Opposition spokesman on Treasury and economic affairs: He has just said he does not know when unemployment is likely to fall. But there is a forecast made internally for the Treasury which must include such figures.

Why does he not tell us the Government's figures, apart from the fact he dare not admit there will be no significant fall in unemployment in the future?

Mr Lawson: I do not admit anything of the sort. We do not know what the trend of unemployment is going to be and no previous Government has forecast unemployment figures.

Attack on Labour tax proposals

TREASURY

The taxation nostrums of Labour MPs were described as absurd by **Mr John Moore**, Financial Secretary to the Treasury, during Commons questions about ways of helping those on lower incomes.

Mr Peter Pike, (Burnley, Lab) has asked the Chancellor to estimate the rate of increase required in the top rate of income tax to yield the same income to the Treasury as would be lost if the first £1,000 of taxable income were to be taxed at 15 per cent instead of 30 per cent.

Mr Moore: To finance the £3,000 million needed for such a lower rate tax band would require a confiscatory rate of 100 per cent for all taxable income over £20,000 on the charitable assumption that there would be any such income to tax.

Mr Pike: It would be far more commendable to try to give assistance to people on the lower rate and shift the burden back to those with more ability to pay.

Mr Moore: Rather than make absurd suggestions like that peculiar proposal which would benefit a married couple on £85 a week by £2.88p, he should support the budget measures on national insurance and tax which have the advantage of giving that same family £3.43p.

Mr Michael Stern (Bristol North West, C): The top rate of tax under the last Labour Government of 98 per cent was only equalled in the world by the Republic of Tonga. Would the minister confirm that, admirable as that country's social system may be, it is not necessarily appropriate for this country

Mr Moore: It would be inappropriate for me to comment on the Republic of Toga, but it is appropriate to comment on the absurdity of the taxation nostrum of the Opposition.

Mr Timothy Smith (Beaconsfield, C): The answer to the ill-informed and naive question shows beyond doubt that Labour Party policy is not redistribution but confiscation.

Mr Moore: It is not only confiscation, but a complete inability to understand what benefits those who are at the bottom that domestic monetary arrangements in this country are out of control?

Mr Lawson: I totally disagree

Money supply rise explained

Mr Nigel Lawson, Chancellor of the Exchequer, blamed accelerated borrowing, to take advantage of 1984-85 level of investment allowances, for the erratic increase in sterling M3 during questions

M3 remained well on track, he added. He expected inflation to resume its downward path in the second half of this year.

Mr Michael Latham (Rutland and Melton, C) who had asked about recent increases in sterling M3, suggested Mr Lawson should stop publishing the monthly figures on the various money aggregates.

Mr Lawson: I am sure I would be widely attacked for doing that

Mr Brian Sedgemore (Hackney South and Shoreditch, Lab): Does Mr Lawson agree with the statement

Investment overseas

The total value of United Kingdom private investment overseas had risen from £43,000 million at the end of 1979, to £158,000 million at the end of last year, **Mr Nigel Lawson**, Chancellor of the Exchequer, said

Mr Terence Davis, an Opposition spokesman on Treasury and economic affairs, asked: Why does the Chancellor take such a contemptuous attitude to people who believe that profits which are made in this country should be reinvested in this country?

Has he forgotten that the Tory party used to claim to be the party of patriotism?

Mr Lawson: That sort of jibe is unworthy of Mr Davis. This certainly is the party of patriotism, but it is also the party of the open trading system and that applies to capital as well as to current account.

Early vote likely on TV cameras

A hint that MPs may get an earlier chance to decide on the televising of their proceedings than the autumn vote promised by the Prime Minister was given by **Mr John Biffen**, Lord Privy Seal and Leader of the House, following his business statement.

Mr Neil Kinnock, Leader of the Opposition, had noted that on Tuesday Mrs Thatcher said she looked forward to a debate on the televising of the proceedings of the Commons.

Why, he asked, should we wait for a debate in the autumn?

Why can we not have a debate before the sumner recess so that we can get on with televising our proceedings in the autumn?

Mr Biffen referred to the experimental televising of the House o Lords and said a report would be made on this. But, he added, that it was perfectly appropriate that the parties' business managers should explore the matter and he took note of what Mr Kinnock had said.

TNT from the Warsaw Pact

Mr John Lee, Under Secretary of State for Defence Procurement, refused in the Commons to 've an undertaking that Britain would not again purchase TNT for artillery shells from the Warsaw Pact.

Mr Paddy Ashdown, (Yeovil, Lib) complained during the adjournment debate on Wednesday night on the Royal Ordnance Factories, that Britain could be using Russian ammunition. A current Ministry of Defence order for 11,000 artillery shells was being supplied by a Belgium-based company, PRB, which obtained its supplies from Poland.

Mr Lee said he could not give that assurance. There was no war role for the ammunition and therefore it made sense to opt for the cheapest source of supply.

Threat of sack removed

A new Government clause making it a statutory duty for authorities to cooperate with each other over abolition and the transfer of functions to the boroughs was necessary because the Bill was not dealing with normal circumstances, **Lord Elton** said in moving the new clause. It was agreed without a division.

The new clause made it clear that in cooperating, staff would simply be carrying out their statutory duty and they could not be dismissed for it. It was important to allow officers with appropriate knowledge to have a dual role with the successor bodies during the transitional period

The committee stage was concluded.

Royal Assent

The following Acts received Royal Assent: Charities; Films; Dangerous Vessels; Prosecution of Offences; Rent (Amendment).

Severn tolls up

Tolls at the Severn Bridge will increase from 20p to 50p for cars, from 40p to £1 for lorries and coaches and the present 10p toll for motorcyles will cease from June 23, **Mrs Lynda Chalker**, Minister of State for Transport, announced in a Commons written reply.

Court of Appeal

Law Report May 24 1985

Queen's Bench Division

Section creates composite tax offence

Regina v Asif

Before Lord Justice Purchas, Mr Justice Michael Davies and Mr Justice Russell

[Reasons delivered May 23]

By section 38 of the Finance Act 1972 Parliament clearly intended to create one offence embracing the commission of numerous offences which themselves, if the details were known, could be individually chargeable under subsections 38(1) and (2).

The Court of Appeal so stated when giving reserved reasons for dismissing, on May 2, 1985, the appeal by Masood Asif against his conviction on December 5, 1984 in Snaresbrook Crown Court (Judge Owen Stable, QC, and a jury) of conduct involving the commission of an offence under section 38(1) and (2) of the Finance Act 1972, contrary to section 38(3) of that Act. The particulars of the offence, as amended and left before the jury, alleged that (1) he issued invoices for zero-rated goods in relation to standard-rated goods; (2) he failed to issue invoices relating to sales.

Section 38 of the 1972 Act provides: "(1) If any person is knowlingly concerned in, or in the taking of steps with a view to, the fraudulent evasion of tax by him or any other person, he shall be liable to a penalty . . .

"(2) If any person – (a) with intent to deceive produces, furnishes or sends for the purposes of this Part of this Act or otherwise makes use for those purposes of any document which is false in a material particular; or (b) in furnishing any information for the purposes of this Part of this Act makes any statement which he knows to be false in a material particular or recklessly makes a statement which is false in a material particular; he shall be liable to a penalty . . .

"(3) Where a person's conduct during any specified period must have involved the commission by him of one or more offences under the preceding provisions of this section, then, whether or not the particulars of that offence or those offences are known, he shall, by virtue of this subsection, be guilty of an offence and liable to a penalty . . ."

Mr S. J. F. Walsh, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for the appellant; Mr David Calvert-Smith for the Crown.

LORD JUSTICE PURCHAS, giving the reasons of the court, said that it had been submitted that the trial judge erred in refusing an application made at the close of the prosecution case to quash the indictment as being void for duplicity; it was said that the particulars of offence failed to comply with rule 7 of the Indictment Rules (SI 1971 No 1253 (L 31)) by including more than one offence, since issuing the wrong type of invoice fell under section 38(1), while failing to issue invoices was an offence under section 38(2).

The fallacy of that submission lay in the concentration on subsections (1) and (2), rather than upon "the offence charged", under section 38(3), which related to "a person's conduct during any specified period; and "the commission by him of one or more offences" under (1) and (2).

In their Lordships' judgment it was clearly Parliament's intention to create one offence embracing the commission of numerous offences which themselves, if the details were known, could be individually chargeable under (1) and (2). The words of (3) confirmed that the offence constituted by (3) did not cease to be one offence merely because it might embrace several offences of which particulars were known under the preceding subsections. That interpretation was also confirmed by common sense.

Where the defence proposed, as in this case, was one of mistake, incompetence or muddle, the defence might well succeed if a course of fraudulent conduct had to be fragmented into a number of individual cases. That was clearly not the intention of the Act, and accordingly the indictment was not bad for duplicity.

In relation to that ground of appeal their Lordships also wished to record their disapprobation of the practice of postponing for tactical reasons an application to quash an indictment until the end of the case for the prosecution, which would only result in unnecessary public expense and hardship to the accusing being involved in the abortive trial. The proper time for making such an application was before plea pleaded *(R v Maywor* ((1955) Cr App R 107)).

There was no justification for the tactical postponement of a motion to quash an indictment, and such a practice should be firmly discouraged.

Solicitors: Solicitor, Customs and Excise.

Justices' costs discretion

Regina v Scunthorpe Justices, Ex parte Holbrey

Justices had properly exercised their discretion when they refused to make an order under section 2(1) of the Costs in Criminal Cases Act 1973 that the prosecution pay the defendant's costs where the prosecution offered no evidence against the defendant, a miner, on a charge under the Public Order Act 1936.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court (Lord Justice Neill and Mr Justice Tudor Evans) so held on May 23 refusing an application for judicial review.

LORD JUSTICE NEILL said that section 2(1) conferred a wide discretion which, unless not exercised judicially, the court would not interfere with.

Fair rents can apply to caravans

Regina v Rent Officer of Nottingham Registration Area, Ex parte Allen

Before Mr Justice Farquharson

[Judgment delivered May 20]

A caravan which was let as a dwelling was capable of being a house within section 1 of the Rent Act 1977. Whether or not it was a house depended on the circumstances of the letting. The caravan in the present case was not a house.

Mr Justice Farquharson so held in the Queen's Bench Division granting an application by Mr Frank Allen for judicial review of the registration of a fair rent in respect of a caravan by a rent officer of the Nottingham Registration Area.

Mr Kim Lewison for the applicant; Mr Alan Moses for the respondent.

MR JUSTICE FARQUHARSON said that there was a letting of the caravan by the applicant for use as a separate dwelling and the only issue was whether the caravan was a house within section 1 of the Rent Act 1977.

It was not possible to say that because the subject matter of the letting was a caravan it could not come within the Act. Whether or not it did so would depend on the circumstances of the letting.

Where the caravan was let as a moveable chattle there could be no question of it being a house. Where on the other hand it was rendered completely immobile either by the removal of its wheels or it being permanently blocked by some brick or concrete construction then it was more likely to be regarded as a house in the same way as a bungalow or prefabricated dwelling would be.

Difficulties would arise where the facts were between those two extremes. The rent officer or the county court judge, as the case might be, would have regard to the features of the caravan which might reveal elements of site permanence on the one hand or mobility on the other.

Rent officers would be on their guard where landlords rented out caravans on a permanent or long-term basis, but to avoid the controls of the Rent Acts made superficial arrangements tending to show some mobility where the reality was that they were permanently based on the site.

If the occupancy of the caravan was such that it was plainly used by the tenant as his or her permanent home, there was a greater likelihood of the caravan being permanently in place rather than if it was being used as a temporary expedient.

On the facts of the present case the decision was not an easy one, but overall, and in particular because of the movement of the caravan from time to time and the ease of disconnection of the various services, it was not a house. The applicant was entitled to an order of *certiorari* and the entry on the Rent Register would be quashed.

Applications of this kind to the High Court under Order 53 of the Rules of the Supreme Court should not be encouraged. Landlords who wished to challenge the rent officer's finding as to jurisdiction should do so promptly and before the finding was entered on the register. Then if the rent officer was of the opinion that there was substance in the challenge he could delay making the registration until the question could be determined by the county court.

Solicitors: Colton & Franks, Newark; Treasury Solicitor.

Possession order power

Regina v Ilkeston County Court, Ex parte Kruza

An order for possession which was suspended for seven days or for as long as the tenant paid her rent was not to be read as an order that enabled the landlord to execute the order as soon as rent was not paid. Accordingly, a county court registrar had jurisdiction to entertain an application by the tenant for suspension of the warrant for possession which the landlord sought to execute for non-payment of rent.

Mr Justice Tudor Evans so held in the Queen's Bench Division on May 22, 1985 and granted an application for judicial review by way of an order of mandamus directed to the registrar of Ilkeston County Court requiring him to hear and determine the tenant's application for the suspension of a warrant for possession.

HIS LORDSHIP said that the case was different from *Moore v Lambeth County Court Registrar* ([1969] 1 WLR 141) in which it was held that once the operation of an order for possession had been suspended and the time specified in that suspension had already expired, there was no power to grant a further extension.

Negligent lack of advice

Blyth v Bloomsbury Health Authority

A health authority was negligent in administering the contraceptive drug depo provera without warning of possible side effects, despite a reasonable request by the plaintiff for detailed information, where the plaintiff would not have agreed to the administration of the drug had she been in receipt of all available material, Mr Justice Leonard held in the Queen's Bench Division on May 23 giving judgment for the plaintiff and awarding £3,600 in general damages.

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Drug trafficking

Heroin and cocaine abuse threaten UK crisis on American scale, MPs say

By Richard Evans
Lobby Reporter

Britain and Europe stand to inherit the United States' hard drug crisis involving heroin and cocaine in less than five years unless effective action is taken now, the Commons home affairs select committee says in a report published yesterday.

The MPs recommend that the growing threat of international drug trafficking should be tackled in four ways:

- Stopping the importation of drugs as far as possible by physical interception of supplies, prosecution and punishment, and eliminating drug crops;
- Attacking the profits of drug traffickers;
- Stopping the disposal of drug profits by the "laundering" of money;
- Reducing long-term demand by education.

"Our recommendations under these headings should be give the utmost priority and any measures the Government decides to take should be taken as early as possible," they add.

The MPs say the Government must consider the use of the Royal Navy and the Royal Air Force for radar, airborne or ship surveillance duties.

"We recommend, therefore, that there should be intensified law enforcement against drug trafficking by HM Customs, the police, the security services and possibly the armed forces."

Although the interim report does not deal in detail with intelligence and information gathering about drug cartels, the select committee says collecting and exchanging international intelligence about drug supply routes is essential.

"To this end we support increasing the number of police officers seconded overseas and advise the Government to appoint police attaches with diplomatic status to our embassy in Washington DC, and to our consulate in Atlanta with responsibility for Florida and the Caribbean."

The MPs agree with American officials that the drug problem has international dimensions and big drug dealers will never be brought to justice until there is international agreement on effective extradition treaties. They say that conspiracy to traffic in hard drugs should be made a universal crime.

"Whilst we accept that the negotiation of extradition treaties is a complex matter, we believe that arrangements should be made at once for those who seek to send, or succeed in sending, hard drugs to the UK to be tried in the UK – wheresoever they may be."

The ruthlessness of big drug dealers should be met by equally ruthless penalties and the select committee supports a recent law which makes the penalty for systematic dealing in hard drugs "no less than the penalty or premeditated murder."

The MPs support the idea of destroying drug crops, although they admit its effect will be limited, and urge the Government to assist crop substitution and eradication programmes in the main drug producing areas such as Pakistan and Central America.

Drug profits

Unhesitating support is given in the report to the American practice of giving courts draconian powers in civil and criminal law to strip drug dealers of all the assets acquired from trafficking.

"Drug dealers must be made to lose everything, their homes, their money and all that they possess."

American law has been amended recently so that assets, including money, property, aircraft, boats and motor vehicles, are forfeited when their connection with drug-related offences "is probable and the defendant is unable to prove the contrary."

"We recommend that the civil and criminal law of the UK be amended to provide for the seizure and forfeiture of assets connected with drug traffic in accordance with the American practice."

Education

The demand for drugs must be reduced by persuading young people and their parents of the appalling consequences of drug abuse, and the report says the "utmost priority" must be given to the Government's health education and information campaign.

The progression in addiction from marijuana to hard drugs in the United States is clear and the MPs say they are disturbed by the suspicion of a trend in Britain towards concentrating resources against hard drugs at the expense of action against marijuana.

"We emphasize that we are wholly against any legalization of marijuana or any reduction in efforts to combat its use."

Misuse of hard drugs (House of Commons home affairs select committee interim report; Stationery Office, £1.35).

The MP s report come after a 10-day fact-finding visit to the United States where they were horrified by the extent of drug abuse.

They say cocaine has replaced heroin as the most devastating drug with an estimated 12 million Americans using it regularly.

"Each day there are 5,000 new addicts, mainly from the wealthy and successful middle and upper classes, who spend up to $3,000 (about £2,300) each a week to satisfy their craving. Cocaine in America has become the 'drug of choice' and Americans consume about 50 metric tonnes a year for which they pay as much as $39 billion."

So much cocaine is being seized by authorities in the United States that there is a shortage of storage space, and so may traffickers are being arrested that there is a shortage of prison space.

"Traffickers in cocaine, heroin and marijuana in the US now earn between $90 billion and $100 billion a year, a sum comparable with the entire Federal budget. As a result the drug industry in the US ranks in money terms second only to the motor industry," the report says.



Stonewalling: The two statues of Saxon deities, Woden (standing) and Thuner (seated), which served as wickets at a preparatory school, being shown by Simon Yates, specialist at Phillips, the London auctioneers, where they are to be sold (Photograph: Bill Warhurst).

Close of play as gods go for sale

By Geraldine Norman
Sale Room Correspondent

Two huge stone statues of Saxon deities by Rysbrack, one of the most distinguished British sculptors of the eighteenth century, have been recovered from the cricket pitch of a preparatory school near Southampton and are to be sold at Phillips on June 18. They are estimated to fetch £40,000 each.

They depict Thuner and Woden and are from a set of seven Saxon gods sculpted about 1730 for the gardens of Stowe, near Buckingham. Stowe was one of the most ambitious country house schemes of the period, a miniature Versailles. Lord Cobham employed several of the leading sculptors of the day to carve figures for his garden.

Cobham was a parliamentarian and his choice of Saxon deities is said to be a veiled political allusion.

The statues, however, found their way to Northcliffe School, near Southampton. The school is in a large, converted country house and the statues are thought to have been in the garden by the time the school moved there 20 years ago. They were not recognized and had served as cricket stumps before an artistic visitor realized their importance. Sale room, page 16

Survey on immigrants to Britain from India

By Pat Healy, Race Relations Correspondent

Immigration to Britain from the Indian sub-continent is to be examined for the second time in three years by the Commons select committee on race relations and immigration.

The committee recommended in 1982 that the queue of people who fled from east Africa to India should be cleared within two years by allocating an extra 1,200 vouchers annually to the country. However, the Government has not acted on that recommendation, and the wait is now eight years.

The delay was criticized in the Commission for Racial Equality report on immigration, which said that the global number of entry vouchers was not being used.

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Barn must get rural colour

Mr Noel Crooks-Meredith, a farmer, of West End, near Bagshot, Surrey, has been told that he may keep a barn he built without planning permission, provided he sprays it with diluted cow manure.

Surrey Heath District Council said the planning condition had been recommended to make new farm buildings fit in with their country surroundings. The practice is intended to encourae the growth of algae.

Merchant fleet still shrinking

By Michael Baily
Transport Editor

British shipping's ability to mount another Falklands operation is fast disappearing, the Government was warned yesterday.

The industry could possibly put together another Falklands-type fleet now, but not in two years, Mr Brian Shaw, new president of the General Council of British Shipping, said.

Shipowners welcomed the reviews being carried out into shipping defence requirements, and while no shipowner wanted a 16in gun on the stern of his vessels, the industry was concerned that the Government and public opinion should be aware of the issues.

Mr Shaw said that there was some evidence that the Soviet government had paid attention to Western protests against its activities on world trade routes.

But while the build-up of Soviet merchant shipping was perhaps not as great as had been feared, the quality of its new shipping was much higher.

Mr Shaw, who is chairman of Furness Withy, said that last year could well be seen as the nadir of British shipping's fortunes and the spectacular reduction in fleet size was easing off.

British fail to protect inventions

By Our Technology Correspondent

British inventors appear to be losing as much as £200 million every year by having poor patent protection for their ideas, allowing imitations to capture markets.

The British Patent Office has launched a national video campaign to make inventors aware of the danger and how to overcome it.

The office granted about 18,000 patents last year, most of them to foreign applicants.

Mr Ivor Davis its comptroller general said: "Most people will make sure their factory, office or home is burglar-proof. The Patent Office can help them protect their intellectual property."

Last year the office granted 4,442 patents to British applicants, 3,652 to Japan and 4,700 to the United States.

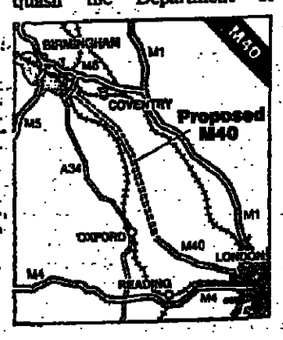
Doctor accused

Matthew Okenharme, aged 49, an unemployed doctor, of Ward Point, Kennington, London, accused of living off the earnings of prostitutes from a West End brothel, was remanded on £5,000 bail until June 6 at Marlborough Street Magistrates' Court yesterday.

Judge gives approval for M40 section

A High Court judge yesterday gave approval for the £202 million Ardley to Warwick section of the extension of the M40 from Oxford to Birmingham.

Mr Justice Farquharson dismissed an application by Miss Helen Anscomb on behalf of the "Rail Roads to the Ports" campaign group that he should quash the Department of Transport decision last December approving the plan.



Her court action has held up work on the section since March. She claimed that insufficient reasons had been given for the dismissal of her campaign's alternative

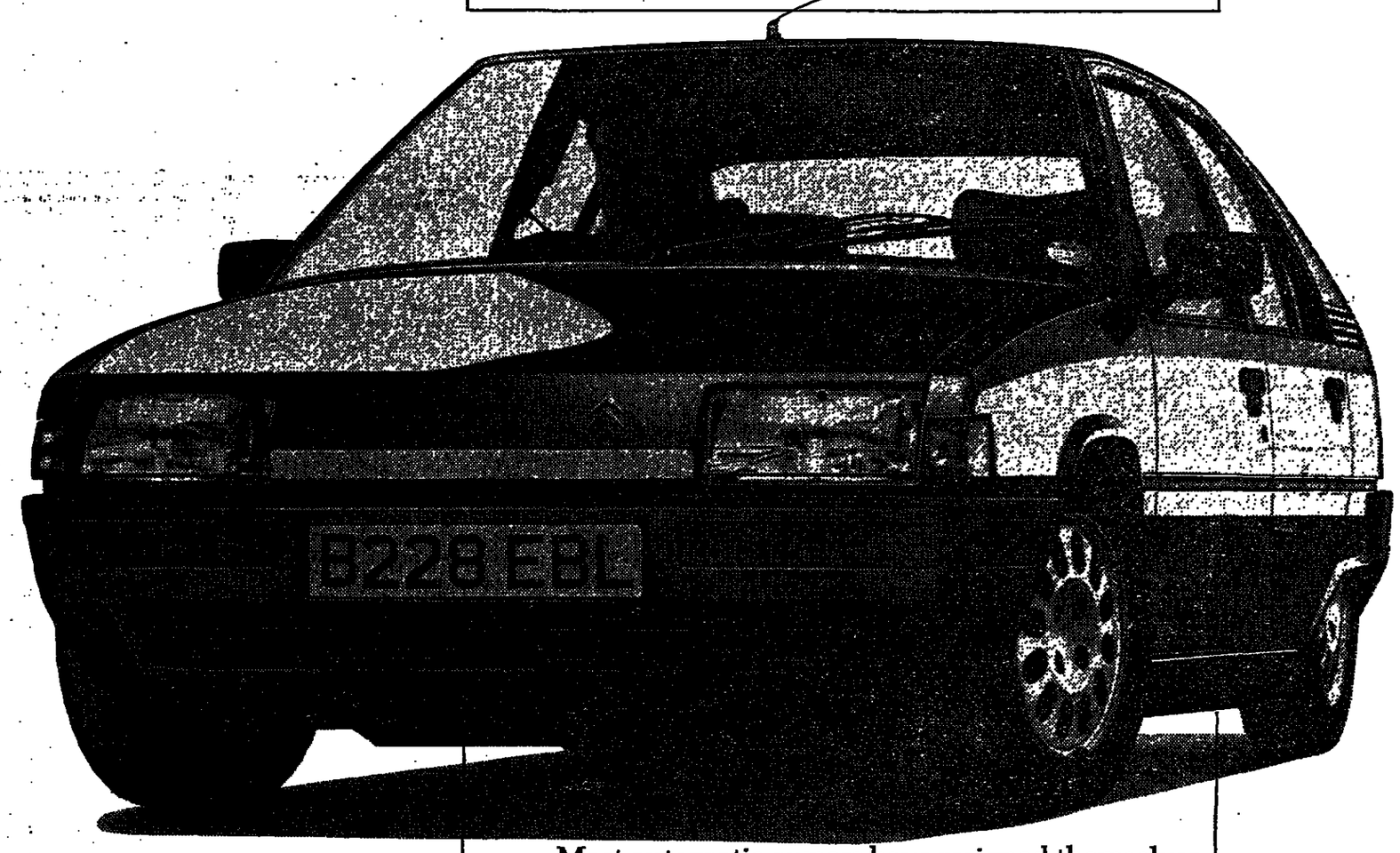
It had campaigned for a network of rail links to remove some freight traffic from the motorways and had also laid plans for extensive repairs to the M1 which would take away the necessity for the extension

But the judge said that although he did not regard Miss Anscomb's criticism as being without substance, the Department of Transport had enough evidence on which it could have based its reasoning.

Although it was under no obligation to give detailed lengthy reasons, Miss Anscomb must have been aware of them in substance and it had therefore fulfilled its obligations under the Highway Act, 1980.

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Withdrawal from Lebanon

Israel toughens border defences against attack

From Christopher Walker, Jerusalem

Overshadowed by the controversy raging in Israel over demands for an amnesty for the Jewish underground, the remaining Israeli units in southern Lebanon are understood to have completed preparations for final withdrawal to the international border.

According to well-placed military sources, the last of the three stages of the pullback approved by the National Unity Cabinet on January 14 will take place over the next fortnight and be completed before the symbolic third anniversary of the invasion on June 6.

All the towns and settlements in northern Galilee are braced for the pull-out to be followed by resumption of sporadic rocket attacks across the border, and millions of pounds has been spent in refurbishing air raid shelters. The total cost of the postwar defence programme – including an anti-kamikaze ditch along the entire frontier – is estimated at well over £100 million.

Senior government members, including Mr Yitzhak Rabin, the Defence Minister, have pledged that no more Israeli units will be stationed permanently on Lebanese soil after the pull-out. But United Nations sources expect the Israelis to continue operating cross-border patrols inside the buffer zone

Local Lebanese leaders sympathetic to Israel have been informed that up to 500 Israeli advisers will operate inside the zone after the pull-out of the last uniformed soldiers.

In Israeli political circles, the weeks after final withdrawal are seen as being crucial in determining what level of response Israel will pursue against any renewed attacks on its northern population centres. Mr Rabin has threatened a "scorched earth" policy.

As the invasion anniversary approached, Mr Ariel Sharon, its chief architect and former Defence Minister, yesterday became embroiled in an angry public exchange with Mr Samuel Lewis, the outgoing US Ambassador in Tel Aviv, whom he accused of telling "a gross lie".

Mr Sharon launched his attack after a local television interview in which the departing envoy claimed Mr Sharon had informed US officials of "a big plan" for a military operation in Lebanon as early as December, 1981, six months before the war began.

SHIFTING ALLIANCES IN BEIRUT

Latest fighting in west Beirut is between **Palestinians** on one side and their former allies, the **Lebanese Shia Muslims** on the other. This has apparently united previously hostile Palestinian groups in self-defence.

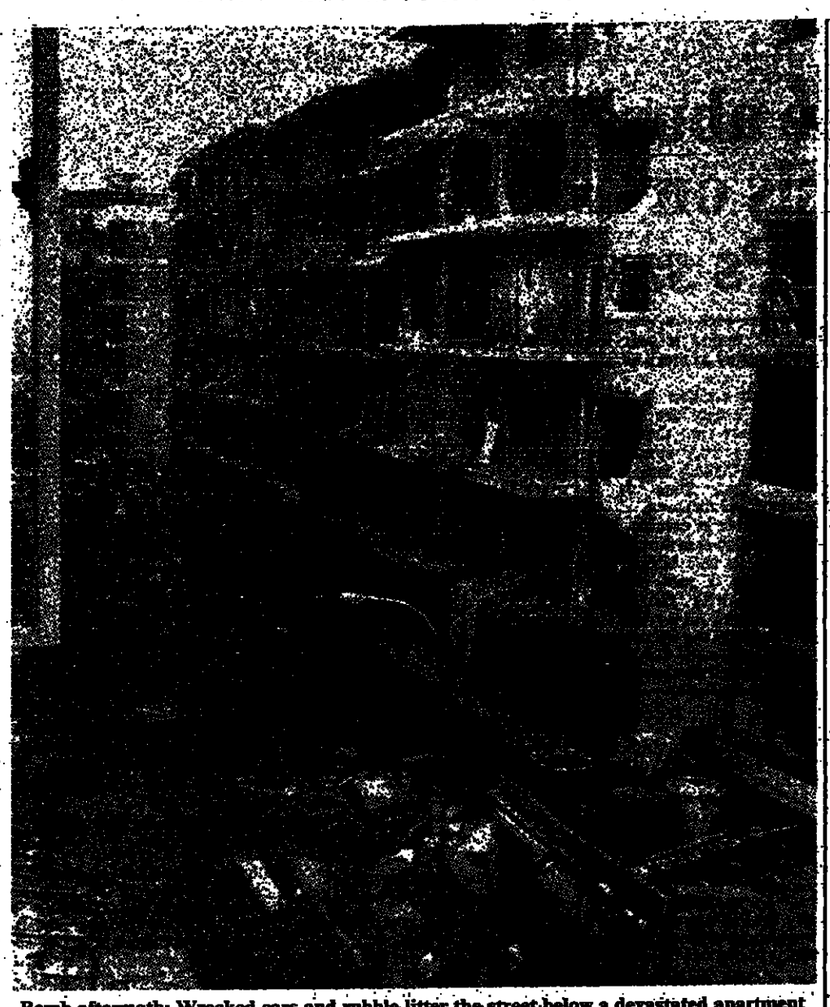
Palestinians

Pro-Arafat: mainstream Fatah.
Anti-Arafat: dissident Fatah led by Abu Musa; Saika (Palestinian wing of Syrian Baath party); PFLP "General Command", led by Ahmad Jibril.
Neutral: left-wing groups – PFLP, led by George Habbash ("Popular Front"); DFLP, led by Nayif Hawatmeh ("Democratic Front").

Shia Muslims

Pro-Syria: Amal, led by Nabih Berri.
Sixth Brigade of Lebanese Army
Pro-Iran: "Islamic Amal" led, by Husain Musavi; Hezbollah ("Party of God"), led by Sheikh Muhammad Fadhlallah; "Islamic Jihad" (underground terrorist group, probably connected to last two).

Other forces
(not so far directly involved in current fighting)
Progressive Socialist Party (PSP) – mainly Druze, hitherto allied to Amal.
"Lebanese Forces" (Phalangist) – Christian, control east Beirut (formerly allied to Israel, now seeking rapprochement with Syria).
Murabitun (Sunni Muslim) – anti-Syrian, potential allies of Palestinians, but crushed by PSP and Amal in fighting last month.
Non-Shia units of Lebanese Army.
Syrian Army – in mountains north-east of Beirut and in Beqaa Valley (eastern Lebanon).



Bomb aftermath: Wrecked cars and rubble litter the street below a devastated apartment building in Christian east Beirut where a car bomb exploded on Wednesday. By mid-afternoon yesterday 38 bodies had been found.

Bonn to pack up its troubles in a coalition summit

From Frank Johnson, Bonn

The leaders of the three parties in West Germany's ruling coalition are to meet in Bonn on June 13 to talk about the troubles which are claimed to have beset the Government.

It is unlikely that they will agree on the solutions, if only because there is no agreement among them as to what are the troubles. The one thing they do agree on is that the opposition Social Democrats' big win in north Rhine-Westphalia on May 12 puts the Federal Government in danger at the general election of 1987.

So Chancellor Kohl, leader of the Christian Democrats, will sit around a table with the almost equally bulky figures of Herr Martin Bangemann for the Free Democrats and Herr Franz Josef Strauss for the Bavarian Christian Social Union, which latter presence diminishes the likelihood of much agreement.

Herr Strauss has made himself the Government's most irreconcilable conservative critic. Unlike Herr Bangemann, who is also Minister for Economics, Herr Strauss is not a member of the Federal Government. He remains Prime Minister of Bavaria.

He is able to demand, and get, Cabinet seats for his party members, the most senior being Minister of the Interior, held by Herr Friedrich Zimmermann. But Herr Strauss himself does not have to observe any collective responsibility.

It is as if Mr Francis Pym was able to disburse government patronage while remaining outside the administration and able to carry on his struggle against Mrs Margaret Thatcher.

Herr Strauss, however, is a far more experienced persecutor of conservative governments than Mr Pym. Although traditionally regarded as the country's leading man of the right, he varies his ideology as the opportunity arises.

Ever since the defeat in North Rhine-Westphalia he has been issuing generalized calls for Herr Kohl to exercise more "leadership". When the June 13 meeting with Herr Kohl and Herr Bangemann was announced, his office said that a main topic would be the need for tougher laws against demonstrators. In particular, the Christian Social Union wants it made illegal for demonstrators to hide behind masks.

The Free Democrats, being the liberal party, do not see the need for this, their attitude being helped by there being few demonstrations in West Germany since the unsuccessful attempts to stop Pershing 2 and cruise missile deployment.

On economics, however, Herr Strauss can plausibly depict himself as the German equivalent of a "wet". He is demanding one large group of tax decreases before the general election.

Here he is opposed by Herr Gerhard Stoltenberg, the Christian Democrat Finance Minister, and by Herr Bangemann, who are concerned about the inflationary effect. They want the decreases in two parts: one before and one after the election.

Herr Strauss makes clear a particular loathing for the Free Democrats, who are happy to form coalitions with whichever of the big parties will keep them in office. He also objects to their having two of the most senior Cabinet posts – Foreign Minister and Minister for Economics – when they had only 10 per cent of the vote at the last general election.

From out of all this intrigue, Herr Kohl must now restore some sense of order to his Government. His one asset is that there is no generally agreed rival to his position as Chancellor. The Cabinet minister previously regarded as the alternative, Herr Stoltenberg, is now identified with the economic rigours said to have caused defeat in North Rhine-Westphalia.

In a way, that defeat has lessened any immediate threat to Herr Kohl. The other rival most talked about, Herr Lothar Spät, Prime Minister of Bad-Württemberg, is said not to want to become Chancellor if there is a strong possibility of losing the subsequent election.



Herr Strauss: Freer than Mr Pym to tackle leader

Raison says famine cash no extra drain

From Ian Murray, Brussels

No extra British Government money was put up to fund emergency aid for the famine in Africa, Mr Timothy Raison, Minister for Overseas Development, confirmed yesterday in Brussels.

He was commenting on this week's report by the Commons' foreign affairs select committee which criticized the Government for having carried out a bookkeeping exercise in an attempt to show that Britain had spent £69 million in famine aid last year. The report said this was money simply transferred from one account to another.

Mr Raison, in Brussels for a meeting of the Community's development council, said that Britain's contribution comprised the £45 million contingency fund built into the Budget, plus cash which had been unused in other areas. A further £6 million had come from the defence budget to pay for the two RAF Hercules used to drop food in Ethiopia.

Mr Raison argued that the contingency fund was there to meet emergencies, and had been used for precisely that purpose. New money had not been necessary for Britain to make a significant contribution to fighting the famine.

He said that the development council had agreed that aid had taken too long to start reaching Africa

"I don't think it would be true to say that there is at present a food shortage," he said. "If you take the bulk figure of food in these countries, there is enough there. The problem is shifting it around."

The council heard a report from Signor Lorenzo Natali, the Development Commissioner, which showed that the Community has delivered 260,000 tonnes of emergency food aid, with 178,000 tonnes more of cereal on the way.

Ethiopians want a bigger pool

With a fund-raising campaign for African famine victims in full swing, Swiss eyebrows have been raised at an application by the Ethiopian diplomatic mission to the UN in Geneva of planning permission for improvements, including a larger swimming pool, at the 1.3 million Swiss francs (£406,000) villa recently bought at Chambesy, near the Palais des Nations. Improvements also include an extra bathroom and guest bedroom, enlargement of the lounge, games room, exercise room with shower, and a two-car garage.

The Ethiopian mission at first gave the impression that the villa would also house offices. These, however, will apparently stay where they are, in a modern block even closer to the UN Palais, with the villa serving as the ambassadorial residence.

Israel arms Somalia, say opposition

Nairobi (AFP) – Israeli aircraft are bringing tons of military equipment by night into Somalia, the opposition Somali Salvation Democratic Front (SSDF) claims in a statement received here.

The flights to the Somali capital, Mogadishu, and to Balli-Doogle, some 45 miles north-west, came after a recent secret visit to Israel by a Somali delegation, the statement said.

The delegation, it said, was headed by the son-in-law of the Somali President, Siad Barre, and Brigadier-General Abdirahman Abdi Hussein, commander of the government militia.

Meanwhile, South African planes are continuing to deliver large quantities of arms under a military pact agreed last year beween Mogadishu and Pretoria, the statement said, appealing to the international community to "take appropriate action against the regime of dictator Siad Barre".

Zimbabwe farmers win price rises

From Jan Raath, Harare

Zimbabwe's farmers, with a bumper harvest in several crops to be reaped, have been granted increased producer prices in most commodities for next year.

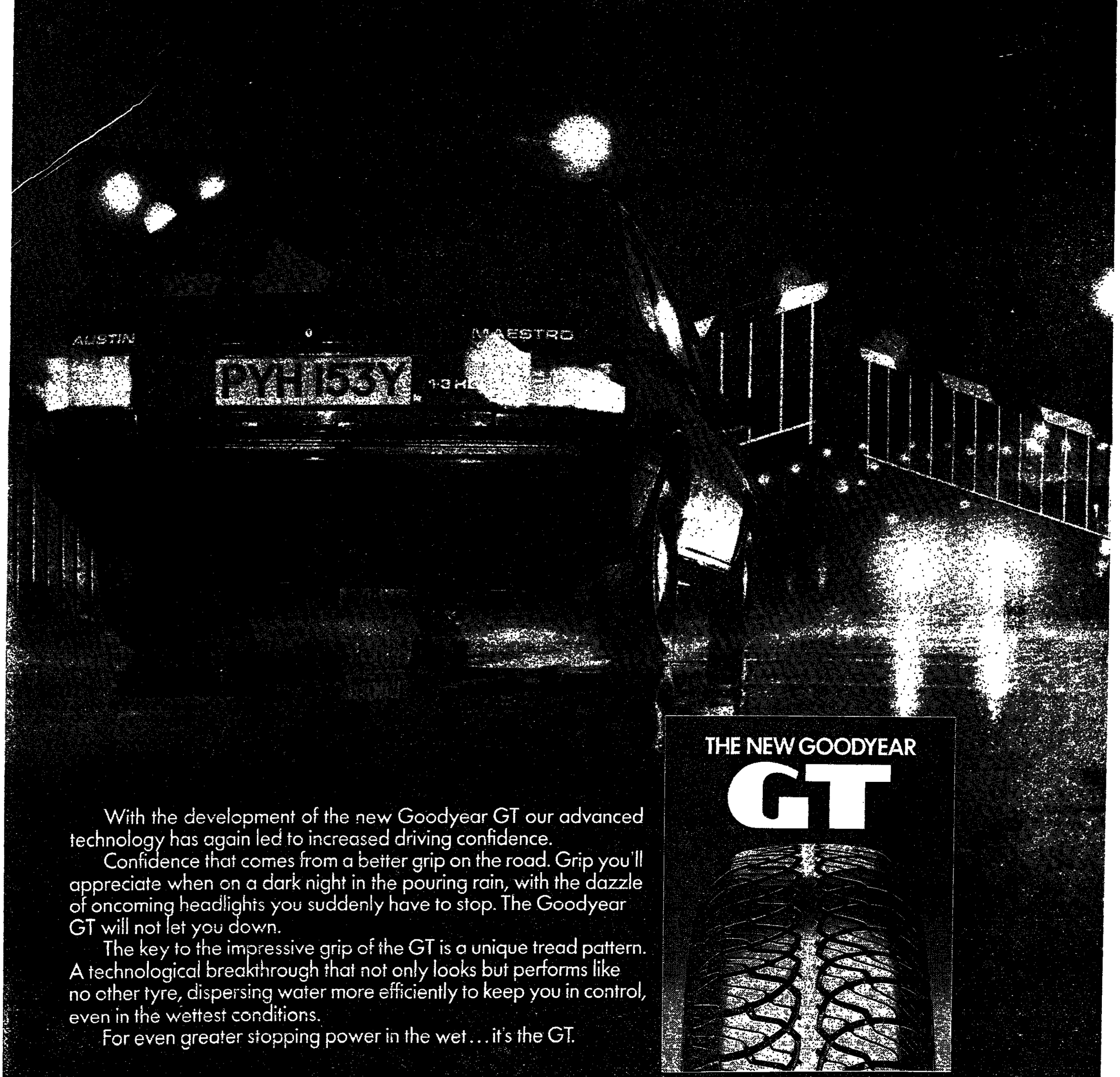
Senator Denis Norman, Minister of Agriculture, said at a press conference on Wednesday that the prices would encourage farmers to continue to produce food crops for self-sufficiency and also increase production of export crops, like cotton. Notably excluded from any price increase were maize, the nation's staple food, and beef.

This season the government expects to have some 900,000 tonnes of maize on hand for export, after ensuring enough to feed the country for a year and for a strategic reserve. The Government believes that the present price of £90 per tonne is sufficient incentive to ensure another large crop next year.

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Judges refuse objections in closed court

Solidarity three on trial

From Roger Boyes, Warsaw

Brushing off international protests, Poland yesterday placed in the dock three prominent opponents of General Jaruzelski and opened the most important Solidarity trial since the lifting of martial law almost two years ago.

The trial was clouded in immediate controversy as the three defendants – a dissident historian, Mr Adam Michnik and two Solidarity organizers, Mr Bogdan Lis and Mr Wladyslaw Frasyniuk – peppered the court with procedural objections and refused to enter pleas.

They demanded that the court drop the case and reopen the investigation, that they have access to defence lawyers during the hearings, and that at least two friends for each defendant be allowed into the Gdansk courtroom.

The judges refused all demands and instructed the prosecutor to read the indictment, which accuses the three of having tried to incite public unrest and of having played a leading part in an illegal organization. They face up to five years' jail.

Although billed as a public trial, it was, in the words of one man barred from the courtroom, "as open as a tomb". Police, both uniformed and plainclothed, circulated in the court house, checking documents and barring members of the public.

Three Solidarity leaders, Mr Andrzej Gwiazda – recently freed after a jail sentence for demonstrating – Mr Zbigniew Romaszewski and Mr Jan Rulewski were excluded, Mr Rulewski bustled into a police van after a sharp exchange and held for two hours.

Two American diplomats and a French lawyer were also barred. The lawyer, M Henri José Legrand, representing French non-communist trades unions, declared, "I think they have something to hide in there". Mr Gwiazda agreed: "If they had serious evidence, they would want the public in the courtroom."

A defence lawyer, Mr Jacek Taylor, said that although the courtroom was large, only some 50 people were present, including relatives of the defendants and the lawyers.

The charges stem from a raid on a meeting of Solidarity activists in February. According to the authorities, the Solidarity leaders – Mr Lech Walesa and four other union activists were present, as well as the three defendants – were drawing up plans for nationwide wildcat strikes against planned foood price rises.

Mr Walesa, the Solidarity chairman, who will be called as a witness on Monday, say, "It was not a formal meeting. There was no communique, so the meeting could not possibly be egarded as a cause of arrest".

A group of 30 Nobel Peace laureates – including poet Czeslaw Milosz and economist Paul Samuelson – have written to the Jaruzelski Government pointing out that in any case the strikes never took place.

The Government this week rejected their plea for the freeing of the three defendants. Many prominent writers in America and western Europe have also appealed on behalf of Mr Michnik and his co-defendants.

Unions rally against Alfonsin policy

From Douglas Tweedale
Buenos Aires

The General Confederation of Labour (CGT), the umbrella organization grouping Argentina's opposition Peronist unions, yesterday staged a 12-hour nationwide strike in protest against the economic policies of Raúl Alfonsin.

Thousands of demonstrators in left wing and other opposition parties were expected to join CGT union members at a massive protest rally in front of Government House later in the day.

Strike organizers said that the stoppage was called to seek change in government policies which would produce just wages and full employment.



Library occupation: A South Korean student, protesting against US support for the South Korean Government, looking out of the window of the United States Information Service Library in Seoul, which he and 74 others occupied yesterday. US diplomats are negotiating with the students, who have threatened to kill themselves if force is used to evict them.

Brussels attack on 'aggression' in US trade relations

From Ian Murray, Brussels

The "openly aggressive manner" in which the United States is conducting its trade relations was strongly attacked last night by Mr Willy de Clercq, the European Commissioner responsible for relations with Washington.

He said increasing US intransigence, a refusal to understand political realities and growing protectionism were in danger of provoking consequences in the world out of all proportion to what was at stake.

Mr de Clercq was speaking to the American Chamber of Commerce in Brussels, but his words were directed at the Administration in Washington. He was seriously concerned at the growing number of differences between the EEC and the United Stats. "We need dialogue, not dispute," he said. "There is much more at stake here than trade."

He was particularly concerned about the new $2 billion (£1.5 billion) American export incentive scheme, which was targeted against the Community. Was it, he wondered, an example of "eye-for-eye philosophy"?

He also argued the need for much greater monetary stability. "International trade can't carry the can for monetary disorder," he said.

Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor, will also be told today of the importance of monetary stability when a delegation of Euro-MPs meets him to press the case for Britain's becoming a full member of the European Monetary System.

Sir Fred Catherwood, MEP for Cambridge, will tell him that there are no longer any good reasons for not joining the exchange-rate mechanism of the system, and that the opportunity to do so may never be as good again.

Sir Fred said yesterday that Britain's full membership would bring down interest rates substantially

EEC air fare warning

From Our Own Correspondent, Brussels

The day after being found guilty of failing to create a common transport policy for the EEC, transport ministers met in Brussels yesterday and decided nothing.

They sent back for further study reports on changing driving hours for lorries, on a master plan for transport and on the court judgment itself.

During the meeting Mr Stanley Clinton Davis, the Transport Commissioner, gave a stern warning that member states would face further legal proceedings if they failed to agree steps to open up air services throughout the Community.

Republicans try to block nominee for Europe post

From Nicholas Ashford
Washington

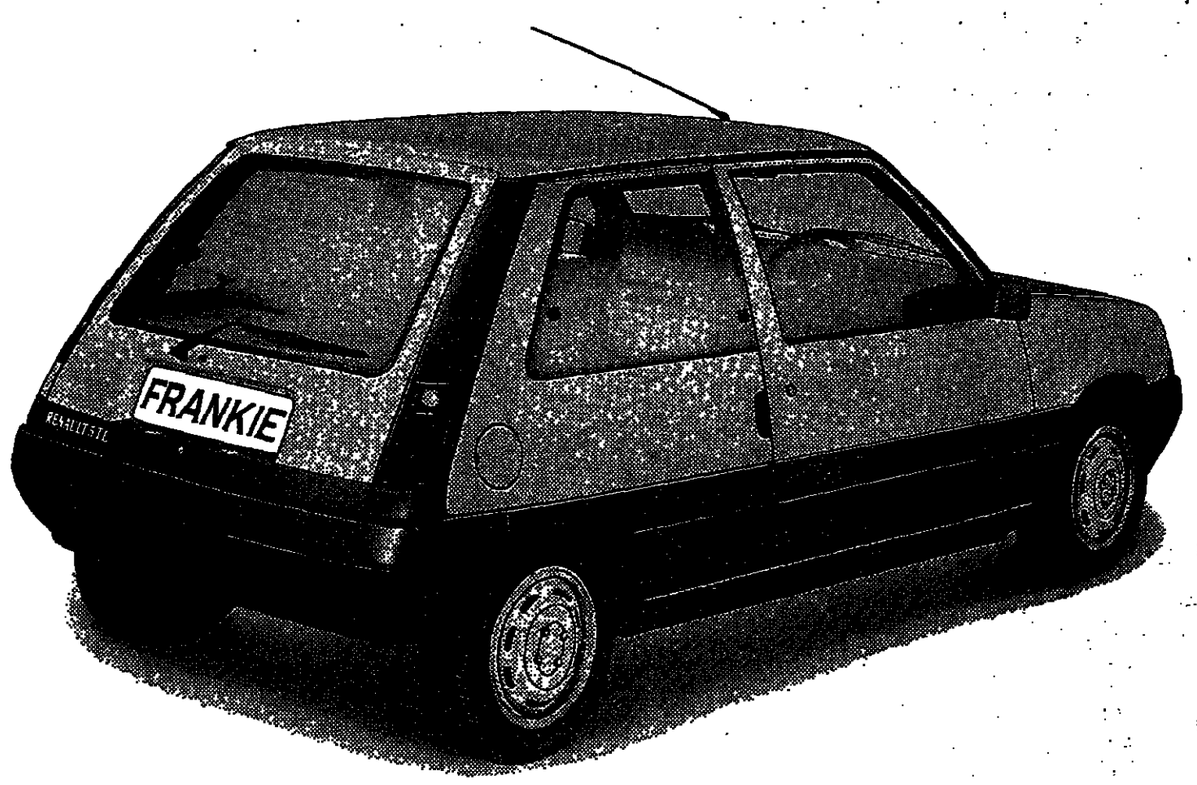
Conservative Republicans in the United States Senate are trying to block the appointment of a senior career diplomat, Ms Rozanne Ridgway, to succeed Mr Richard Burt as Assistant Secretary for Europn Affairs.

They claim that Ms Ridgway, aged 49, the Ambassador to East Germany, has little experience in arms control and Soviet affairs, and is politically "tainted" through having served as a policy adviser in the Carter Administration.

A formal letter has been sent to Senator Robert Dole, the Senate majority leader, by Senator James McClure, chairman of the conservative Republican Steering Committee, on behalf of 25 colleagues, demanding that the post be filled by a political appointee of known loyalty to President Reagan and with a strong background in arms control and Soviet affairs.

A State Department official said yesterday that Mr George Shultz, the Secretary of State, was determined to go ahead with Ms Ridgway's nomination. He emphasized that Ms Ridgway had an excellent career record in the diplomatic service.

Although the Senate is expected to approve the appointment in due course, the conservatives could delay it.



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Greek elections

Farmers hold key in close contest

From Mario Modiano, Larisa, central Greece

THE Greek farmer is suddenly emerging as a key factor in the close and nervous contest fought between the ruling Pasok socialists and the opposition New Democracy party in the run-up to the June 2 election.

In the villages of this rich Thessalian plain, the farmers speak with misgivings about the new farm co-operatives law passed by the Socialist Government last month. New Democracy Candidates keep telling them that this is a Socialist trick to dispossess them of their land.

The law provides for "voluntary" participation. But the farmer's choice is limited to a single co-operative which, as a rule, will be Socialist-controlled. The alternative for the loner would be to starve for credits and marketing outlets.

A group of farmers at Rizomylo, a village of 1,500 in the cotton-growing area between the port of Volos and here, seemed worried that if they joined but later changed their minds they would not be given their land back until five years later. And then they would be paid only its value at the time of joining.

They seemed convinced that the 1,270 village voters who had given Pasok a seven to five lead in the 1981 elections, would probably reverse this ratio in favour of New Democracy, the party that had promised them duty-free diesel engines for their farm vehicles.

Mr Andreas Papandreou, the Socialist Prime Minister, is obviously alarmed by this trend. Addressing a gigantic rally in the main square of this city which is the farming capital of Greece, he damned with equal scorn "the big capitalist estates and farm collectivization".

To the farmer land ownership is sacred

"What we stand for," he told the crowds, "is the private family holding." And in the same breath he promised to distribute to landless peasants all the big estates and the land owned by monasteries. He did not explain how this would be reconciled with the new law. The crowds cheered wildly, waving Pasok's green plastic flags and banners. One of them read: "next to God, Andreas."

Whether or not these sweeping reassurances can dispel the gnawing doubts of farmers, could be crucial on June 2. Greek farmers represent 30 per cent of the electorate and to them land ownership is sacred.

It was because the farmers, who were once the conservative backbone of Greece, rallied dramatically behind Pasok in 1981 that Mr Papandreou was swept into power with a 48 per cent of the vote.

And in the European elections one year ago, their enduring loyalty largely offset Pasok's severe losses in the cities, keeping the party ahead of its rivals with a 41.6 per cent average.

Mr Anthimos Kaioglou, a young lawyer who presides over the district committee of New Democracy in Kozani in the north-west, says that Pasok conquered the farmers in 1981 by promising them guaranteed profits and by reaching out for them in their own villages.

"For the past three years profits were high, largely thanks to European Community money whose origin was rarely disclosed," he said. But this year costs had risen, the harvest was poor, and the Community not as generous. Besides, New Democracy had been catching up on canvassing techniques, although it was difficult to beat Pasok's wholesale promises of jobs during an economic slump.

'Gendarme who pursued us has become our friend'

In other parts of the country, Pasok supporters say they have never been as free and as prosperous in their lives. A group of farmers and workers in Pasok's campaign headquarters at Kalambaka, a township of 6,000 set against the towering Meteora rocks west of Larisa, spoke of 40 years of police oppression that was no longer there.

"Anyone whose father or brother was in the resistance or the civil war, was treated as an outcast," said the local maths teacher. "Now it is all over. The gendarme who pursued us has become our friend."

People, he said, no longer needed a note from the local MP to secure a hospital bed. Villages that shared doctors, now had one each. And medicines were charged at a quarter of the price. Minor works eased unemployment and improved living conditions.

The New Democracy's hard-working campaigners are now finding out how much Pasok's direct approach to the vilage voter boosted his self-esteem and won his allegiance. Political and cultural clubs sprouted in villages creating positions of prestige for many, and promoting activities that, whatever their quality, have enlivened their drab lives.

Now the conservative peasants complain that without a recommendation from the local "Greenguard" you cannot get a job even as a char. And by bringing party politics into the village "Pasok divided us as if the civil war was still on."

Villagers are compelled to make their choice between the Conservative "Blue" or Socialist "Green" coffee-houses. In this way they avoid arguments or even fights.

The Socialist Government, in trying to obliterate the traumas of the civil war, allowed the pendulum to swing all the way in the opposite direction stirring latent passions inherited by the post-civil war generation. This division is becoming the hallmark of the election campaign making the outlook for Greece, whatever the outcome on June 2, more uncertain than ever.

Rats kill off island insect

Auckland (AP) – The land lobster, a species of stick insect that once inhabited Lord Howe Island, eastern Australia, was declared extinct yesterday and rats were blamed for its demise.

"It has gone. I'll stake my reputation on it," a University of Sydney entomologist, Dr Woody Horning, said. He believed the species was exterminated by rats from the wreck of a supply ship which sank near Lord Howe Island in 1918.

The last known specimen of land lobster was found alive in the 1930s, Dr Horning said, announcing the demise of the species at the annual conference of the Entomological Society of New Zealand.

A photograph of a dead female appeared about 20 years ago, but searches since then have found no trace

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Pretoria admits having troops in Angola after sabotage mission deaths

From Michael Hornsby
Johannesburg

South Africa, which in mid-April announced the withdrawal of the last of its troops from Angola, admitted yesterday that it had continued to deploy a small military unit in an "area south and north" of Luanda, the Angolan capital.

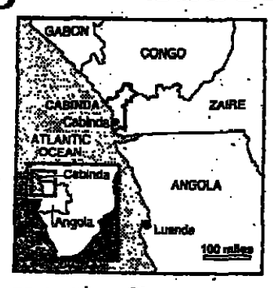
The admission came in response to a claim from the Angolan news agency, Angop, monitored in Lisbon, that two South African Commandos had been killed and a third captured when they were ambushed while trying to sabotage an oil refinery in Angola's northern coastal enclave of Cabinda.

The Angolan Defence Ministry was quoted by Angop as saying that the three commandos were armed with three shortwave radios, walkie-talkies, guns fitted with silencers, 16 contact mines and two incendiary bombs.

At first military spokesmen in Pretoria issued a flat denial of the Angolan claim. A few hours later, however, came a statement from General Constand Viljoen, the Chief of the South African Defence Force, admitting the presence of "small groups of soldiers" north of the South African border.

"At the moment, there is concern because contact with such a small element has been broken. This element was gathering information about ANC (African National Congress) and Swapo (South West Africa People's Orgainization) bases, as wll as Cuban involvement with them in the area south and north of Luanda", General Viljoen said.

The general's statement made



no mention of how many men had been in the "element", nor did it comment on the Angolan claim that two men had been killed and one captured.

There was also no clear denial of the Angolan allegation that the South African unit was operating in Cabinda, which lies about 250 miles north of Luanda, and thus could be included in the area mentioned in General Viljoen's studiously vague statement.

General Viljoen also implies there are other groups of soldiers operating in Angola or other black-ruled countries to the north of South Africa, whose purpose is to gather intelligence on the ANC, Swapo and other "Russian surrogates".

Swapo, which has been waging a guerrilla war against South Africa since 1966 for the independence of Namibia, has operated from bases in Angola since that country's independence in 1975.

The ANC, which has waged a guerrilla campaign in South Africa itself since 1961, also has training bases there. In addition, there are estimated to be some 30,000 Cuban troops assisting the Luanda Government's fight against the South African-backed guerrillas of Dr Jonas Savimbo, who operates from a base in south-western Angola.

There was speculation that the South Arfican commandos could have been operating on behalf of Dr Savimbi, who has said several time during the past year that the oil installations in Cabinda, separated from the rest of Angola by a corridor of Zaire territory, are a prime target of his Unita Guerillas.

Oil supplies about 90 per cent of Angola's foreign exchange earnings.

In July last year an explosion damaged an oil pipeline in Cabinda, causing the loss of 42,000 barrels of crude

Unita claimed responsibility for this explosion, and for the mining of two ships in Luanda harbour later the same month. Doubts were expressed at the time whether Unita had the expertise for such operations, and it was suggested that help could have come from the South Africans, or their close military allies, the Israelis.

The possibility that South Africa may have been involved in aiding Unita in an attempted sabotage attack on the Cabinda oil installations is bound to complicate Pretoria's relations with Washington, which is already facing strong domestic pressure for having pursued too lenient a policy towards South Africa.



Mothers' protest: Filipino mothers breast-feeding outside a milk company in Manila yesterday to show their opposition to bottle-feeding. About 200 mothers joined the protest against several milk companies.

White House battles to save the MX

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

The White House fought desperately last night to save President Reagan's MX missile programme from a political defeat that would weaken severely his massive strategic rearmament programme.

He faces a rising chorus of complaints about the 10-warhead weapon. The Senate adjourned just before midnight on Wednesday after a day fraught with political manouevring in which the White House managed to delay a vote on whether to limit MS deployment to 40 missiles, 60 fewer than President Reagan wants.

The Senate debate resumed yesterday in the knowledge that the Administration has conceded defeat, for the moment, in its efforts to field a full 100 missiles. Instead, the White House is ready to accept a temporary ceiling of 50, leaving open the option of seeking more in the future.

The faction wanting to limit deployment to 40 is headed by Senator Sam Nunn, a Georgia Democrat, who proposed an amendment to the 1986 Defence Authorization Bill that would allow 14 missiles above that limit for spares and flight testing.

President Reagan argues that Senator Nunn's plan would undermine seriously America's bargaining strength at the Geneva arms talks with the Soviet Union. Senator Nunn says he might agree to more than 40 missiles if Mr Reagan could find a less vulnerable way to base them, such as making them mobile.

During his first presidential campaign, Mr Reagan ridiculed President Jimmy Carter's proposal to rotate 200 MX missiles among 4,600 concrete garages in Nevada and Utah, to make them less vulnerable.

Star Wars challenge

By Rodney Cowton

If the Western alliance did not pursue research into space-based defensive systems, it could be faced with a devastating situation in the future, Lieutenant-General James Abrahamson, director of the American Strategic Defence Initiative Organization, said

Speaking in Washington, he said that in some areas of space research the Soviet Union was ahead of the United States, and that challenge had to be met.

The important thing for stability was that both sides should have confidence and go ahead at a reasonably comparable rate.

500 monks protest at massacre

From a Correspondent
Colombo

While nearly 500 Buddhist monks in saffron robes carrying yellow flags demonstrated near the Sri Lankan Parliament, a two-day debate on the extension of the emergency in the island begab under tight security. All public galleries were closed and journalists were checked.

The monks were protesting against the massacre of nearly 150 civilians at the holy city of Anuradhapura by separatist Tamil guerrillas nine days ago.

Opening the debate for the Opposition, a Sri Lanka Freedom Party MP, Mr Lakshman Jayakody, called for a presidential commission to inquire into the events, saying that warnings that there was to be an attack had not been heeded. He called on the Government to resign.

The District Minister for Anuradhapura, Mr K. D. M. C. Bandara, said that the only information was that the police station was to be attacked but the security forces had not anticipated an attack from the western side.

The lone Communist MP, Mr Sarath Muttetuwegama, accused the Army and police of not taking action because they were afraid for their lives. He said the Government's military option had been a dismal failure and called for negotiations, emphasizing that good relations with India were a key to the situation. He suggested a joint appeal by all the political parties to the militants and urged a ceasefire on both sides.

Pressure builds for US anti-apartheid sanctions

From Nicholas Ashford, Washington

Pressure is building in Congress for the Reagan Administration to impose punitive economic measures against South Africa.

In two developments this week, Senator Richard Lugar, chairman of the Senate foreign relations committee, has moved in favour of economic sanctions and Senator Nancy Kassebaum, chairman of the Senate's Africa subcommittee, has called for replacing the US Ambassador in Pretoria as a signal of growing US discontent with South Africa's apartheid policies.

The House of Representatives meanwhile has begun debating legislation which would apply strict economic sanctions. Known as the Anti-Apartheid Act, it is expected to be approved overwhelmingly by the House despite opposition from the Reagan Administration.

The move by Senator Lugar is of particular concern to the Administration, as he is also co-sponsoring a Senate Bill which would delay by two years punitive action against South Africa to allow Pretoria time to improve the status of the black majority.

He told a hearing that the position of South Africa was extremely grim and that he was ready to consider immediate economic measures.

100 England fans held in Finland

Helsinki – About 100 England football fans were arrested here before and after Wednesday's World Cup qualifying game with Finland, a spokesman for the British Embassy here said.

Only one was expected to appear in court, he added.

Up to 800 England fans travelled here to watch the game, mostly by boat and train through Sweden. "We would expect most of them will be sent home as quickly as possible".

Dali paintings recovered

Colton, California (AP) – Eighteen paintings by Salvador Dali, stolen last June from a Newport beach gallery, were found in good condition in the bedroom of a home here, officials said.

The paintings, valued at more than $500,000, sought by the FBI and Lloyd's of London, include "Adolescence", considered one of the surrealist painter's most famous works of the 1940s.

Taking over



General Vernon Walters, the new US representative at the United Nations, who presented his credentials yesterday to Señor Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, the UN Secretary-General. The Senate unanimously confirmed his appointment as ambasssdor to replace Mrs Jeane Kirkpatrick on May 16.

Shocking cat

Peking (AP) – The *People's Daily*, China's Communist Party newspaper, gave a front-page tribute to a young peasant who is getting rich by marketing an "electric cat", a trap he invented which gives a deadly shock of low voltage electricity to the intruding rodents.

Police put black riots toll at 381

From Michael Hornsby
Jahannesburg

A total of 381 people have been killed and 1,497 injured since violence erupted in South Africa's black townships at the beginning of last Spetember, according to an official estimate.

These figures, for the period from September 1 to April 30 this year, were given on Wednesday at a public meeting in Craddock, in the Eastern Cape, where most of the trouble has been concentrated this year, by Mr Louis Le Grange, Minister of Law and Order.

He said it was "extremely worrying" that violence was spreading to rural areas. He also disclosed that there was a 30 per cent increase in unrest last week, when 1,549 incidents of violence were recorded, 849 of them in the Eastern Cape.

The unrest is being taken sufficiently seriously by the US for the State Department to haveissued an advisory notice that all Americans planning to visit South Africa should consult the US Embassy or consulate here before setting out.

A spokesman for the British Embassy said no similar warning had been issued to Britons intending to visit South Africa.

Mr Le Grange said that 299 deaths and 938 injuries were "as a result of action" taken by police or security personnel guarding government buildings, and that 82 were killed and 559 injured by rioters.

The minister also disclosed that six policemen – all believed to be black – had been killed and 215 injured. Damage to buildings totalled 31 million rands (£12.5 million).

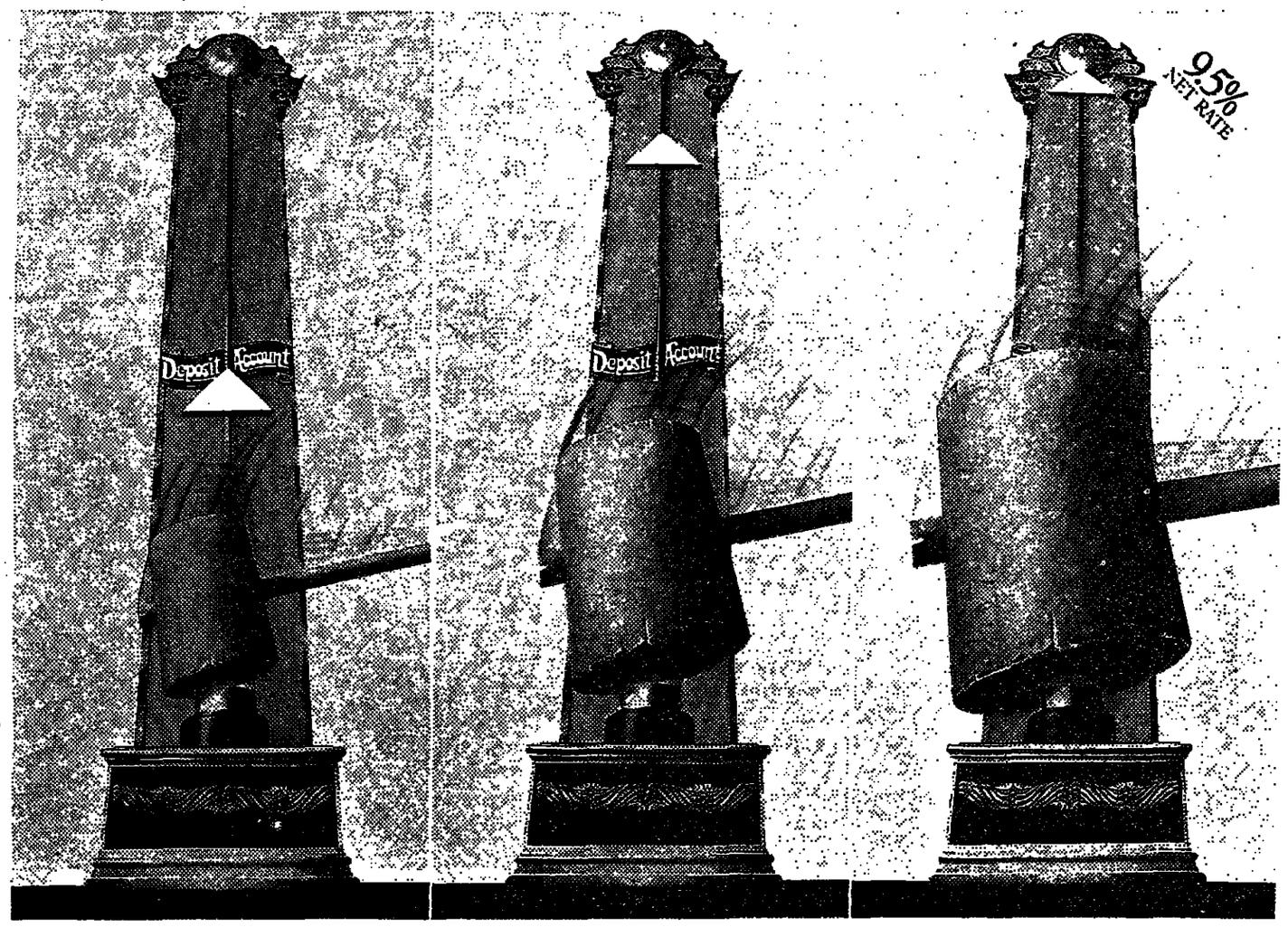
Two white civilians are known to have died in the violence. One was a baby hit on the head by a stone thrown through a car window in Sebokeng, a black township south of Johannesburg.

The other was a nurse, Gertina Aletta de Lange, who died in Johannesburg on Tuesday after being stoned the previous day by youths near Duduza township, on the East Rand.

Meanwhile, the police have confirmed that a black, Mr Bheki Mvulane, aged 18, died on March 29 after complaining of "feeling unwell" after being taken into police custody.

Investigations are under way into the deaths of four people, including Mr Mvulane, who have died this year in, or shortly after being released from, police custody.

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Nyerere admits mistakes but sticks to socialism

From Charles Harrison, Nairobi

President Nyerere of Tanzania, on a farewell visit to Scandinavia before retiring later this year, said he made mistakes in implementing his country's socialist policies, but Tanzania remained firmly committed to socialism.

In an interview on Norwegian television last night, he said he had refused to accept aid from the International Monetary Fund because its conditions were "humiliating" and would have led to riots.

President Nyerere recently ordered that sisal estates nationalized in 1967 be handed back to private owners because the state organization had been unable to run them. He also rescinded a ban on private ownership of rented houses, to overcome a shortage of houses.

Strict controls on imports have also been relaxed recently, bringing soap, toothpaste and other essentials back into the shops.

He told the television commentator that there was no change in the policy of land nationalization, and the state would continue to control key sectors of the economy. But if the state lacked the knowhow to run an industry it would not nationalize it.

Tanzania's socialist policies, first set out in Dr Nyerere's Arusha Declaration of 1967, had worked well in many ways he said. Education had progressed well.

He denied that people had been forced into collective villages – they had gone there voluntarily. "We will allow the private sector to continue in some fields, but we cannot allow it to dominate the economy".

Some of the problems affecting Tanzanian industry arose from dubious advice by foreign-aid donors. A Chinese-built textile factory fitted with simple machinery was working well, but a French one with sophisticated plant had problems. "We are very weak in the choice of technology," President Nyerere said.



Dr Nyerere: Hit at IMF's 'humiliating' conditions.

He attacked the IMF for imposing "impossible" conditions on poor countries without understanding their real needs. The IMF was created for the developed world, and now it was being used to control the economies of poor countries simply to enable them to pay their debts. The IMF did not try to help with development: "This is wrong."

It was still necessary for Tanzania to negotiate with the IMF, because the rich countries regarded an IMF aggreement as a condition for their own aid. "This is terrible. We have to seek from the IMF a certificate of respectability. They threaten us and say: 'If you don't sign an agreement with us, you will be regarded as bankrupt'."

On his own future, Dr Nyrerere said he would step down later this year (no successor has been named), but would remain chairman of the ruling party for two years. "I am retiring at the age of 65. It is my ambition to stay in my home village and do some work there. I will work on my own little farm."

The Scandinavian countries have been the biggest supporters of Tanzania, but have recently become more critical of government policies.

Kurds claim Turkish build-up on borders

By Edward Mortimer

A build-up of Turkish troops on the Iraqi and Iranian borders over the last three weeks has been reported by Kurdish groups in both countries.

According to the Libyan news agency a special envoy from Colonel Muammar Gadaffi, the Libyan leader, has been urging Turkey not to repeat its incursion into Iraqi territory of two years ago.

The envoy was acting, the agency said, at the request of Mr Masoud Barzani, the Iraqi Kurdish leader, who is supported by Iran which has good relations with Libya as well as Turkey.

The Turkish Army has been involved in repeated clashes over the last two years with Kurdish insurgents in the south-east of the country.

One of the worst was last September when 80 Turkish soldiers were killed in an ambush when President Evren was touring the region. Kurdish sources have claimed it was the President's own convoy that was attacked, but this has not been confirmed.

The Kurdish separatists in Turkey are known to take refuge across the border in both Iraq and Iran, in both of which countries Kurdish guerrillas are holding out in the mountainous frontier regions effectively beyond central government control. The guerrillas in Iraq get support from Iran and vice versa.

The Kurdish guerrillas in Iraq fear that a larger operation, aimed at crushing them, may now be about to begin.



Tourist trail: President Eanes making friends with other visitors to the Great Wall.

Peking to discuss return of Macao

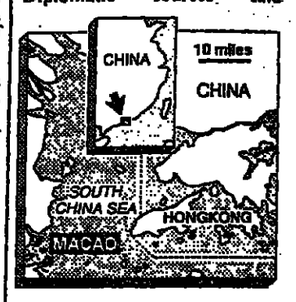
From Mary Lee
Peking

China and Portugal have agreed to start talks soon on the return of Macao to Chinese rule.

In a joint statement issued after talks in Peking between President Eanes of Portugal, who is on a visit, and the Chinese Prime Minister, Mr Zhao Ziyang, both sides "reviewed" with satisfaction the understanding reached in February, 1979, when diplomatic relations were established between China and Portugal, and the good co-operation between the two governments in dealing with the affairs of Macao on the basis of that understanding".

Macao became a Portuguese colony in 1557. After the Portuguese revolution in 1974, Lisbon changed its status to that of "a territory under Portuguese administration". Lisbon tried to return Macao to China then, but the Chinese refused to discuss the issue, ad Peking was not ready and was worried about the impact such discussions would have on Hong Kong.

In 1979, when diplomatic relations were established, Portugal formally ceded sovereignty of Macao to China. Diplomatic sources said



Macao's future will most likely be settled along the same lines as Hong Kong's – it will become a special administrative region of China.

● **No deadline set:** President Eanes said no date had been set to begin the negotiations and no handover deadline had been decided (AP reports).

Earlier, President Li Xiannian of China said, during a courtesy call by President Eanes, that such negotiations would be "a pretty easy thing. The two countries will have direct talks. As for when it will be settled, it is hard to say".

The top Chinese leader, Mr Deng Xiaoping, said in October that "there is no hurry to resolve the Macao issue" and its people should not worry.

Negotiations on Macao are expected to be smoother than the two-year talks between China and Britain. There is no sovereignty question, and Portuguese officials have said they are willing to leave when asked.

Nimeiry faces murder charge

From Gill Lusk
Khartoum

Sudan's deposed President Nimeiry will be charged with conspiracy to murder in a case to be filed on Sunday by the country's most prominent lawyer, Doctor Abdul-Wahab Muhammad Abdul-Wahab.

The charges refer to the trial and execution in January of Mahmud Muhammad Taha, aged 76, leader of the moderate Muslim group, the Republican Brotherhood. Mr Mahud was put to death after a lightning trial that provoked an international outcry and became the focus in Sudan for the protests which overthrew Nimeiry on April 6.

"The punishment was decided in advance". Dr Abdul-Wahab said. "Documents have been discovered in Nimeiry's office proving beyond any reasonable doubt that the whole thing was concocted."

One of the documents is a letter from Mr Neyal Abdul Gadir Abu Grun, one of Nimeiry's two fundamentalist legal advisers, telling the former President the chance had come to "get rid of" the Republican Brothers.

Abu Grun is also cited, along with his colleague Awad al Jid Muhammad Ahmed and the four judges involved in the trial. These include the then head of the appeal court, Makeshfi Taha Kabbashi, the most notorious of the fundamentalist judges.

Once a *prima facie* case is established, Sudan will have to request the extradition under a joint extradition treaty, of Nimeiry from his exile in Egypt.

Iran expels 'biased' Reuters reporter

Tehran (AFP) – Trevor Wood, Tehran correspondent of Reuters news agency, was expelled from Iran yesterday for what the Ministry of Islamic Guidance, which had given him 48 hours to leave, called "false and biased reporting".

A ministry official, quoted by the official Iranian news agency, Sirnas, said he had "paid no attention to our repeated warnings" about his work.

Iran was said to have wanted to expel him some time ago, but because a Reuters official in charge of Middle East coverage intervened "we had decided to give him a chance to correct his work".

Of the four main Western news agencies, only Agence France-Presse now has a resident correspondent in Tehran.

80 died in Ukraine air collision

Moscow (Reuter) – A Soviet airliner which crashed this month collided with a military plane over the Ukraine, killing about 80 people, informed Soviet sources said yesterday.

The crash on May 3, as reported in the official press, involved an Aeroflot Tupolev 134 flying from Tallinn in Estonia to Lvov in the Ukraine. All on board were said to have been killed.

The sources said the airliner, carrying about 70 people, collided with an Antonov 2, a single-engined transport biplane, as it was approaching Lvov. The biplane was carrying eight people, including senior Air Force officers.

The armed forces newspaper *Krasnaya Zvezda* reported on May 6 that a group of senior officers had died "tragically" but said nothing of an air crash.

The Ukrainian crash was the third internal airplane disaster to have been made public in the past eight months.

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Spanish police scandal

Court suspends ex-chief of anti-terror squad

From Richard Wigg, Madrid

The former head of Spain's anti-terrorist squads was sentenced yesterday to three years' suspension from all police duties by a San Sebastian court for failing to collaborate with justice.

This is the first time since the advent of democracy that such a senior Spanish police official has been so punished. Señor Manuel Ballesteros was also ordered to pay a 100,000 pesetas (about £500) fine.

Señor Juan José Rosón, the former Centre Democrat Interior Minister, under whom Señor Ballesteros served, appeared personally during the trial last week to express support for his conduct during the struggle against ETA terrorism.

Under the Socialist Government, Señor Ballesteros, an intelligence expert, has had only a desk job. The court, however, found him guilty of refusing on six occasions to reveal to an investigating magistrate the identity of three men who crashed through Spain's frontier with France in November 1980, shortly after two people had been shot and 10 others injured in a Hendaye bar frequented by Spanish Basque exiles.

The court held yesterday that these three men, who Señor Ballesteros maintained were paid police informers, and the gunmen involved in the shooting at the bar, were the same people. Señor Ballesteros had ordered the men to be freed without charges being brought, after they had been detained.

Señor Ballesteros can now appeal to the Supreme Court. He was brought to trial as a result of determined efforts by a group of local public prosecutors. the trial took place amid considerable tension and yesterday, after news of the verdict, several senior police officials expressed their solidarity wih him.

Meanwhile, police in Madrid were put on the alert yesterday amid fears that ETA, the Basque terrorist organization, which has taken the lives of five Spanish policemen in the past month, might strike in the capital.

Señor Felipe González, the Prime Minister, emphasized the maintaining of police morale in the face of ETA's latest campaign when referring to allegations in Parliament that a Madrid police unit spied on political parties.

Señor González, spoke after Señor José Barrionuevo, the Interior Minister, had admitted that "disloyal" policemen in the unit had spied on parties but denied that this practice had ever been ordered by him.

Debtor nations warned

By Michael Prest

The Commonwealth Development Corporation, which finances development projects in the Third World, has warned its borrowers that more money will not be forthcoming if they fail to repay their debts.

In his annual report for 1984, Lord Kindersley, the corporations chairman, says: "Our debtors in the developing world must be aware that new investment by CDC in their countries is bound to suffer, if principal and interest on existing loans are not paid on time."

The warning comes after what the corporation describes as arguably the most difficult year for many developing countries since its formation by the Attlee Government in 1948.

One sign of the problems facing these countries, particularly in Africa, is that the corporation's provision for bad debts – the value of loans it does not expect to be repaid rose last year from £6.2 million to £14.6 million, bringing total provisions to £74.6 million, or 12.6 per cent of all funds invested.

The corporation admits it is becoming increasingly hard to find suitable projects to finance.

Nevertheless, the corporation, which is obliged by statute to lend on economic terms, saw its gross income rise from £45.6 million in 1983 to £62.4 million last year.

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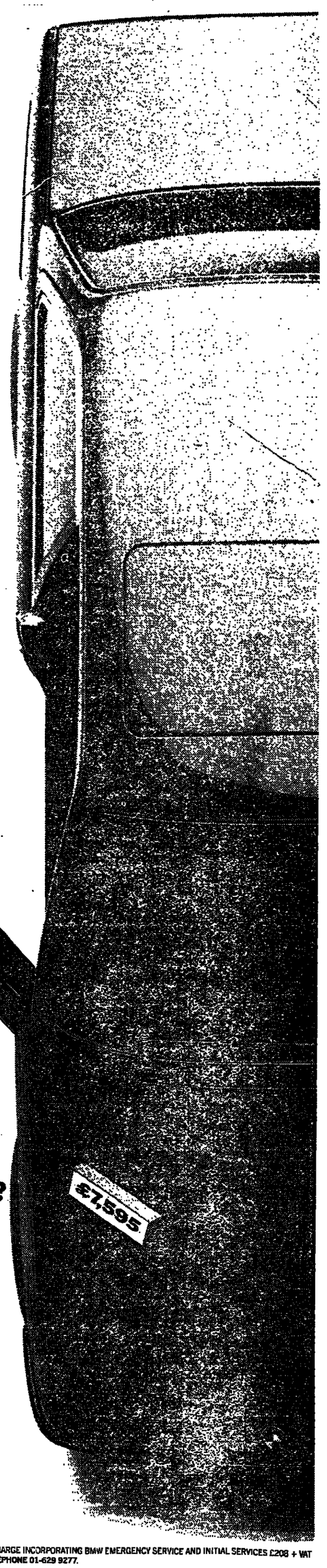
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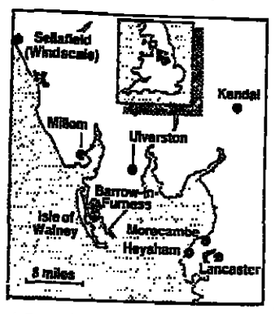
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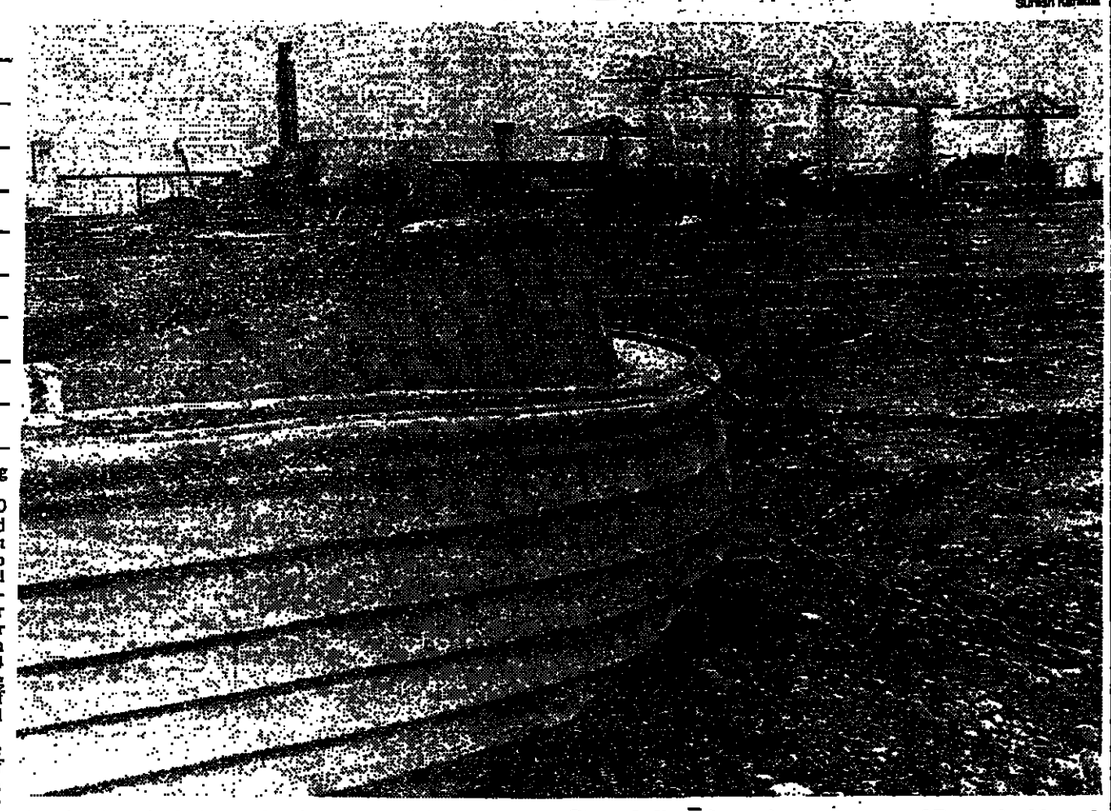
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Devil and the deep grey sea



Today the Queen is visiting Barrow-in-Furness, the shipbuilding town hidden away on the Cumbrian peninsula.

Alan Franks reports on a community torn between nuclear scares and the promise of work on Trident submarines



Suresh Kamdia



Stern skyline: above, the great cranes of Barrow's shipyard, and left, one of the Victorian blocks for Vickers workers

Tucked away at the foot of England's longest cul-de-sac, Barrow-in-Furness cheats the visitor. You drive down the town's single approach road, broad and opulent with detached houses, garages and hotels, expecting to stumble upon a metropolis of some consequence – if not a Preston or a Wigan, then at least a Harrogate.

The big houses give way to a grid of tiny beleaguered terraces with a pub on every corner, and dogs, innumerable dogs, padding untended between the pavements. There is a library, a newspaper office, a fairly major roundabout serving as a plinth for the statue of the first mayor; there is a municipal baths, a market hall and a big new D-I-Y centre. Beneath this strangely uncluttered sky, you look in vain for the usual totems of civic prowess: no office blocks, no multi-storey car parks, just the reddish Victorian ramparts of the town hall which faces away from the town and towards the dockyards, as if it has known for the past century the side on which its bread is buttered.

Here, in one of England's remotest industrial outposts, an entire town of 70,000 people lives, eats and sleeps between the two great national preoccupations of employment and nuclear defence. By 1987, a new bulk will have risen on the wharf skyline – a vast shed 45 feet taller than the town hall, and as big as a soccer stadium. It is here that Vickers intends to build Britain's four Trident submarines, keeping the majority of its current 12,500 workforce in jobs for the 11-year duration of the building programme.

It was here, too, that 30,000 CND demonstrators gathered last October to protest against the would-be successor to Polaris. According to most local reports, the townsfolk themselves quit Barrow in their droves that day, probably for the Lakes; they had enough on their plates for the other 364 days of the year without having to contend with an invasion of badged-up pacifists – and probably southerners to boot.

Yet just up the coast is the highly emotive presence of Sellafield, clearly visible even from spots as secluded as the great fells above Wasdale. Then in Barrow itself there is the terminal which receives imported nuclear waste for reprocessing up at Windscale and, up by Drigg, the weapon testing site where new guns sound off in the general direction of the Isle of Man.

To the stranger it is an eerie coastline – a dead end from which arms and effluents pour westwards into a gun-metal grey sea at a respectful distance from the rest of the mainland. The story goes that last year the fishmongers of Barrow started advertising their wares as "*not* caught locally", to quell customers' fears of contamination. Rather more verifiable is the claim, not made solely by the town's branch of CND, that residents have stopped swimming in this reach of the Irish Sea. "You wait and see", says a mother of two young children in the suburban north of the town. "This bank holiday weekend, you see how many people go into the sea, even at a really good beach like St Bees. I bet it won't be a fraction of what it used to be."

Yet Barrow is a boom town, protected against the ravages of unemployment in the north-west by the prospect of those four nuclear submarines. Joblessness runs at just 11 per cent, considerably lower than nearby towns like Millom, laid low by the decline of the steel industry. The old joke about how the place is not so much a boom as a boom-boom town runs off the backs of Vickers workers like water from a surfacing sub.

The Queen is no stranger here, having made several visits for the launch of the first in new classes of vessel. Today, however, the nearest she will come to the docks is the little airfield at the northern tip of Walney Island. She will visit the new hospital, a school, the glass works in Ulverston, and the thoroughly untypical pocket of picture-book Lakeland at Tarn Hows.

Once upon a time, Barrow and its northern neighbours nursed dreams of shedding their peninsular status. There was talk of a major road striding northwards on a barrage across the tidal desert of Morecambe Bay and up towards Carlisle along the industrial belt to the west of the national park. Today, as any touring motorist knows, the M6 roars up through the heart of the Lakes by way of Kendal and Penrith, leaving Barrow and Co to their own devices. The railway, with its growling, old, two-coach diesels, loops down into the peninsula before heading sluggishly up towards Whitehaven and Workington.

Not surprisingly, Barrovians are a detached breed, at once distant and complacent. The engineers among them belong to an international community, often moving freely between here and Saudi Arabia or the US for a few years of lucrative labour, and moving more readily than they would shift their home to Morecambe or Keswick.

For the past 110 years, since the Barrow Iron Shipbuilding Company launched its first steam yacht and fuelled a population explosion from 3,000 to nearly 50,000 in two short decades, prosperity has risen and fallen in the wake of national re-armament programmes. In the four years before the First World War, the workforce grew by 70 per cent to almost 16,000. In the 1930s there was a similar pattern as the Admiralty commissioned two aircraft carriers, two destroyers and a cruiser. During the Falklands War, albeit on a smaller scale, the town rallied to the national imperative as Vickers workers put in large amounts of overtime to supply new torpedo racks for the submarines, and other essential replacements.

"There was an entirely different reaction here than there was in, say, Kendal", recalls museum curator David Hughes. "It was as though we were living in different countries, which, in a sense, we are. It was most peculiar. We'd had Argentines in the town while Vickers was building the Hercules, just as there'd been people from Barrow in Argentina when they were building the Santissima Trinidad. It's strange to think of it now, but the Sheffield and the Hercules, Type 42s, had been lying stern to stern in Barrow for months prior to the Falklands business."

At the last general election Barrow went from Labour to Conservative, from Albert Booth with his apparently suicidal misgivings about Trident, to Cecil Franks, who campaigned almost exclusively on a "Trident-Means-Jobs" ticket. Of course it was not quite as simple as that, since not only did a new Alliance challenge make inroads into the Labour vote, but also the constituency took in, for the first time, the naturally Tory rump of Ulverston.

None the less, Vickers *is* Barrow, and the town stands by its industry as fiercely as any naturally poor state which must depend upon the production of a single crop. If you cross the bridges west of the town to the islands of Barrow and Walney and look back at the wharves and the company houses, the measure of that dependence becomes overwhelming. Everything is dwarfed by the grey and yellow cranes, clustering around the water like a gang of giant storks. In their shadow skulk the Victorian tenement blocks with their open staircases and washing lines, and in the other direction the smarter artisan dwellings of the frankly named Vickerstown.

The streets of Barrow tell the story of its development: Sloop Street, Schooner Street, Steamer Street, James Watt Terrace. Yet

> **'An eerie coastline pouring out arms and waste'**

there is no doubt that the historic sense of pride, in a community which boasts the ability to manufacture anything that floats, is not as great as it once was. "I don't expect we'll be getting a Trident Square in the town", says a young fitter, snatching a lunch break in the bar of a large hotel across the bridge from the yards. "And I don't expect the Queen will be coming up again to smash a bottle of bubbly against the hull of the first sub. I don't see it somehow."

Tory Councillor Ted Smith, a former mayor and veteran of three visits by the Queen, is almost a stage version of the northern town councillor – robustly scathing about the "loony left" element of Barrow's Labour majority, and adamant about the need for Trident. "If the programme were to be cancelled, I can assure you it would lead to two or three year's unemployment."

There is an opposing view: that if and when Barrow begins work on Trident, it will have to cede the building of Hunter Killer submarines to another yard; further, that after the completion of the Trident programme, there is no certainty that orders for other vessels will revert to the town.

At the top of the venerable old *Evening Mail* building the editor Tom Welsh, a former *News Chronicle* man, ponders the region's predicament: "There is, I suppose, a general view that nuclear power is a good idea. I'm talking now about Windscale and civil usages rather than Trident. The trouble is that production control is simply not meticulous enough. We have totally insufficient evidence about the local effects of the plant.

"When we receive statements from BNFL (British Nuclear Fuels Ltd) we view them with considerable scepticism. For years we have been asking them for a fuller explanation and they have ignored us completely. At the same time we get these statements from CORE (Cumbrians Opposed to Radio Active Environment), very strong statements, and we find ourselves treading a tightrope between on the one hand scaring our readers and, on the other, suppressing material of real importance."

If there is one man in whom Barrow's great debate is concentrated, it is Alf Horne, shipyard convenor of the AUEW, CND member, and newly elected Cumbrian County Councillor. A Vickers employee for 25 years, he speaks now rather morosely of his shipyard. "The majority of people I talk to don't really want to work on Trident, if they're honest. The morale in Vickers is lower than I've ever seen it. One of the reasons for this is the low pay. I don't doubt. The average skilled fitter is taking home just £95 a week. Well, some of the lads with three or four kids would be better off on the dole. So there's a good deal of resentment around. There's the feeling that we're conscripts in an area which we cannot leave.

"Barrow's been geared up to armaments from the year dot, I accept that. You can't change it overnight. But when you think of the abundance of brilliance in the yard, all those good minds and the people who believe in a civilized world.... I would dearly like our town to rely less on weapons than on other, more useful things. I sometimes think of the work that I've done and find myself drawing the conclusion that I've created nothing socially useful."

All that glisters is not sold

The months after the end of the First World War were spent by Marcel Proust in a frenetic attempt to get his latest volume of *A la recherche du temps perdu* before the judges of the Goncourt Prize. His canvassing worked. On December 10, 1919, he learnt that the prize was his. Next morning, 27 articles about him appeared in the newspapers: more than 100 by the end of the month. Overnight, the fame for which Proust had struggled so hard for 30 years had at last come to him.

The annual excitement in France over the Prix Goncourt, the Fémina and the Renandot has tended to obscure the fact that Britain, alongside the French, has the most elaborate, well-organized and comprehensive literary prize establishment in the world. The great Booker McConnell Prize show finally won mass-television status in the early 1980s and became the literary event of the London publishing season.

Why did it suddenly happen? The Booker Prize had, after all, been going since 1969. There is probably no one simple or single reason. In 1978 Booker increased the prize from £5,000 to £10,000 (and later to £15,000) making it the most valuable in the country. In 1980 there was a widely publicized, last-minute tussle between the two favourites, resolved when William Golding took the honour from Anthony Burgess; but not before widespread speculation and interest. Then television entered the field, making of the annual event and dinner (the secrecy, the judges' last-second confabulations, the arrival at the Guildhall, the black ties) a literary soap-opera occasion.

While publishers, agents and writers frequently deplore the hype, few can afford not to play along with it, and fewer still are as brave as Fay Weldon, chairman of the judges in 1983, who says: "I tend to feel very stubborn about the Booker. Of course it's good for sales and it's good for literature. But it's hell for writers: somewhere between a beauty competition and a dog show with the cameras dwelling lingeringly on the faces of the disappointed. What's more, competition is bad for writers; dangling large sums of money in front of them."



Winning ways: Salman Rushdie, whose sales soared after his 1981 Booker triumph

The Booker McConnell Prize, however, does work. Even as the winner's name is being called out, so he or she is now an instant celebrity. Sales, henceforth, are guaranteed. Salman Rushdie, whose normal hardback sales stood at 1,500-3,000, sold more than 40,000 when *Midnight's Children* won the Booker Prize in 1981. Three years later, Anita Brookner, who had similar hardback sales, found that *Hotel du Lac* rapidly took her to the 70,000 mark.

Nor does the Booker fanfare stop there. Authors who are shortlisted find their sales up by some 10,000 copies each. And, carrying the game almost to absurdity, even those who are not shortlisted but whom people feel should be, also gain.

Where, then, does this leave the other literary prizes? Much, it seems, where they were before. The Sinclair £5,000 prize for fiction, – won last night by Indira Gandhi's cousin, Nayantara Sahgal, for *Rich Like Us*, a novel set during Mrs Gandhi's state of emergency – is just one of some 230 literary prizes, awards and grants available today in Britain for historians, novelists, poets, playwrights, illustrators, biographers, translators and various specialists.

Cash:	
Booker McConnell Prize for fiction	£16,000
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Smarties Prize for Children's Books	£8,000
The Sinclair Prize for Fiction	£5,000
W.H. Smith Literary Award (outstanding contribution to literature)	£4,000
Prestige:	
James Tait Black Memorial Prizes for fiction and biography	£1,000
David Higham Prize for fiction (first novel or short stories)	£500
John Llewellyn Rhys Memorial Prize (memorial work of any kind by author under 35)	£500
Kate Greenaway Medal (distinguished illustrations of children's books)	Medal

Awards carrying the most prestige are often those giving the least money. The Duff Cooper Memorial Prize (biography, history or politics) is worth, for example, £150 and the John Llewellyn Rhys Memorial Prize (memorable work by a writer under 35), £500. This makes them most like the French prizes, the best of which come with little or no money: Goncourt (50 francs), Fémina (5,000 francs), Renandot (lunch), Interallie (nothing).

However, Booker aside, the French experience is vastly different. To win a Fémina or a Goncourt is a guarantee of sales: Goncourt say openly that it carries a promise of sales of between 100,000 and 500,000.

Administrators of other prizes complain that since the Booker fame all mention of their own annual prizes seems to have vanished from the papers.

Yet the prizes go on multiplying. Taking a leaf from Booker, sponsors have begun to see how much further in terms of publicity a prize will take them than support of any other art form. The last weeks alone have seen the launching of the Smarties Prize for Children's Books (£8,000 to the winner), the Roger Machell Memorial Prize for a book on the performing arts (£2,000), and the Runciman Medal (£1,000 for a literary work on Greece).

Caroline Moorehead

PETER PATERSON
on Fleet Street:

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CHARLES GLASS
on the Brussels scene:

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Set apart by a lack of faith

COMMENT

Serena Sutcliffe

If being an atheist is not the exact equivalent of a parish in our society, it certainly means that one is not a totally comfortable member of the community. In an age which is thought to be increasingly godless, so much of our social structure is still wedded to the Christian church, whether society as a whole is conscious of this or not. People may no longer rush to get married in a church but the vast majority still enter this life and exit by its portals. It is amazing how many who profess complete indifference to religion always have their children christened and always bury their own through the good offices of one of the official churches. The conventions at these most dramatic times of our lives are solid and enduring.

But where does this leave the committed atheist? I long ago got over my childish fury at having been baptised – to a 'real atheist', it cannot make any difference. I have taken steps to see that I will not have a church burial ("troublesome to the end", they will say), and solidly resisted at school all attempts to be put through the Confirmation mangle – rather a ritual at some English establishments.

However, do I go to other people's christenings, weddings and funerals? Do I "let down" friends if I sit at home and think of them instead of agonizing through a service? Marriages are the most social and funerals by far the most delicate.

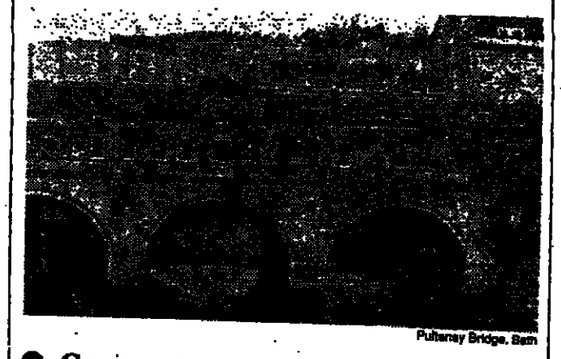
When friends wed, or the sons and daughters of friends, does the forlorn atheist say "no" to the ceremony and just turn up for the reception and the fun? One has suffered too much from that appalling order in which the causes for matrimony are laid down – first, for the procreation of children (much comfort to the childless); secondly, for a remedy against sin and to avoid fornication (somewhat negative, I would have thought); and thirdly, only thirdly, "for the mutual society, help and comfort that the one ought to have of the other". In my simple, atheistic way, I think *this* last should be the main point of marriage, so once again, I get cross, then I get depressed, and then I sink into gloom. It would have been better if I had gone to the reception.

Funerals are the worst of all. Is it honouring those of whom one has been fond, and sometimes dearly loved, to attend the service? Is it a support to others bereaved if one attends? No one is having a nice time, but for the atheist, who really does believe it is the end, it becomes unbearable.

Atheists would not dream of hoping for Christian friends to join our wretched band. For we do know there is not much joy in our lot, and the last thing we want is for more to join the ranks. We envy Christians their sense of belonging, their solidarity. We sometimes even briefly experience it ourselves, when we accidentally find out an acquaintance shares the same lack of faith – it doesn't make us "right", it just means that someone else has the same angst.

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FRIDAY PAGE

As aerobics loses its appeal, **Amanda Craig** puts on her dancing shoes and taps along with the professionals

Tapping that fitness craze

Is there life after aerobics? Apparently so. The keep-fit craze of the first half of this decade was Fonda-style work-outs, in which millions of us were persuaded that if we huffed and puffed to the jungle beat of cash-registers we would get our heartbeats up and our weights down.

Since last year, however, fitness freaks have started to divide into two camps. One lot have turned to the grimly athletic regime of Nautilus, which is performed on terrifying machines reminiscent of those to which James Bond is frequently strapped in fiendish attempts to persuade him to Tell All. The others have turned to the rather more agreeable antics of tap-dancing.

Since the dazzling films featuring Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers, until a year ago the only exposure on any scale that the British public had had to tap was *A Chorus Line*, which ran for two years at the end of the 1970s to huge acclaim. This year there are no less than six West End shows wholly or partly involving thespian hoofers: *On Your Toes*, *Stepping Out*, *42nd Street*, *Singin' in the Rain*, *Cats* and *Me and My Girl*.

The latest Coppola film, *The Cotton Club*, features mind-boggling sequences in which the thunder of tapping toes is rivalled only by the rattle of gangland warfare. Dance studios around the country report a doubling or trebling of attendance figures for their classes.

"What people suddenly want to learn is how to dance, not just keep fit", says Becky Willis, Studio Administrator of Pineapple Dance Centre in London's Covent Garden. "The aerobics boom is dying down and tap – which is a much healthier trend, I think – seems to be taking its place. The point about it is that it's terrific fun. You don't have to strip and reveal all your lumps and bumps: all you need are the shoes. Our oldest pupil is in his nineties. We have 15 classes a week, at all levels, 70 per cent of which are for beginners, and they're all packed out."



Amanda Craig has a helping hand on stage

"The point about tap is that it's something ordinary people can enjoy", says Richard Harris, author of *Stepping Out* which is about a group of men and women learning how to hoof it. It was chosen as the London *Standard's* Best Comedy of the Year (1984). "No matter how bad you are, it always sounds good. When I was researching the material for my play, I went to dozens of classes all over London and was struck again and again by the sense of exhilaration everyone had. It's a social occasion, as much as anything."

> **"After what seems like centuries of concentration in jazzed-up jogging your knees feel just like jelly"**

Tap evolved out of a mixture of Negro dance and the Irish jig, borrowing the mobile torso and syncopated rhythm of the former and the rapid footwork, performed in clogs, of the latter. Towards the end of the 19th century, tap shoes, with metal taps on the toes and heels, replaced clogs. These enabled dancers to become increasingly ingenious and acrobatic in their steps.

The basic movements of tap-dancing are deceptively simple: simple, because what it comes down to is hitting your metal-tipped heel or toe on the floor; deceptive due to the speed and variations of sound and movement with which this can be done.

"To me the beauty of dancing is conveying something, and tap is simply the most expressive form of dance there is", declares Randy Skinner, choreographer of *42nd Street*. "People love the sound of it, the way feet can be made to accent the beat. In every other kind of dance your foot-work mustn't be heard but in tap it's essential, because the dancer becomes part of the music. It's as difficult as classical ballet to learn, and as regimented."

This, as I discovered when going along to a few lessons, was no understatement. If you have ever wondered why the chorus line of a musical always have endlessly elegant legs, the answer is not only luck and casting. After what seems like a few centuries of furious concentration while engaged in this jazzed-up jogging, your knees feel like jelly. However, the other parts of your legs have ceased to look like it.

"Tap is about the best exercise you can possibly do if you have bad legs", according to Diane Crawford. She started learning it from Derek Hartley, one of the leading British exponents of the American style tap, which is freer and more flexible than the original 1930s version. Five years later, she has turned semi-professional and tours the country with Hartley's Hot Tap, giving performances and exhibitions.

"The only danger it involves is having slightly aching calf-muscles if you overdo it", she says. "Anyone can do it and get the hang of it in a couple of lessons, as long as you've got reasonable co-ordination and a sense of rhythm."

To see what it feels like to do the real thing, I visited London's Drury Lane Theatre while a rehearsal of *42nd Street* was in progress. On stage was Barbara King, understudying the leading role, who looked so frail you expected to see only a black line in the air when she turned sideways. Whirling, twirling, jumping, thumping, she and her partner, Philip Gould, zapped their way through their routine with energetic insouciance, only losing their cool when they saw me wearing my tap shoes. Once on stage, you could see they were dripping with perspiration.

"By the time we finish the show, we look as if we've walked through the shower in our clothes", said Philip. "It's the lights as much as the dancing."

"All right", said Randy Skinner, the choreographer, to me, "just follow along and see what you can do. Ready? 5-6-7-8!" At first it was a complete nightmare trying to keep up with a pair of pros as they slowed down to slightly less than the speed of light.

"That's fine, absolutely fine!" he said encouragingly. "Those are my teeth chattering", I snarled, as the photographer clicked away and everyone in the audience fell about. However, after a bit – surprise, surprise – it began to be quite enthralling. In the end, even if you can't dance all night you can only keep on your toes.



Best feet forward: The cast of *42nd Street* perform at Drury Lane Theatre

THE SHUFFLE STEP BY STEP

Joyce MacDonald



The shuffle is a basic tap sequence. Practise starting with the right foot as shown, in diagram 1, below. When confident try the sequence starting with the left foot. For music, dance to *42nd Street*. Begin with the knees relaxed and slightly bent. The diagram left shows the brush movement. Brush the ball of the foot on the ground on the forward and return movement. The bold type below each diagram indicates the count. Count out loud, treating "and" as one beat.

Begin the sequence on the count of 8: **1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 . . .**



1st. SEQUENCE	**8 and . . .**	**1 . . .**
2nd. SEQUENCE	**4 and . . .**	**5 . . .**
Feet together, weight on left, begin 1st sequence	Brush right foot forward and back, lifting foot	Hop on left foot



2 . . .	**and 3 . . .**	**and . . .**
6 . . .	**and 7 . . .**	**and . . .**
Right foot down, transfer weight to right	Brush left foot forward and back	Left foot down, transfer weight, begin 2nd sequence

GETTING OFF THE GROUND

What you need: Most ordinary shoes can be fitted with taps, or you can buy tap shoes from: Pineapple Dance Centre, Langley Street, London WC2 (01-836 4004); Gamba, Garrick Street, London WC2 (01-437 0704); Freed's, St Martin's Lane, London (01-240 0432). Loose garments or leotards are recommended.

Where to go: Tap lessons in London: Pineapple Dance Centre; Danceworks, 16 Balderton Street, London W1 (01-629 6183); The Dance Fitness Centre, 11-12 Floral Street, London WC2 (01-836 6544). Outside London: Dance Studio, Trin Street, Bath (0225 62469); Body Works, 25-29 Glisson Road, Cambridge (0223 323643); Bodywork, 15-19 Queen's Road, Clifton, Bristol (0272 294800); Bellairs Studio, 11 Millbrook, Guildford (0483 571722); Peppermint Dance Studios, 1194 Neath Road, Plasmarl, Swansea, (0792 701585).

For a list of qualified dance-teachers in your area write, enclosing SAE to: Imperial Society of Teachers of Dancing, Euston Hall, Birkenhead Street, London WC1.

What it costs: Lessons cost between £2 and £3 per hour. Shoes vary in price from £20 to £30.

How bone disease can take hold



Mr John Selwyn Gummer has had a rough month in Parliament. He is a keen churchman but had to defend Sunday trading; as Conservative Party Chairman he had to explain its poor performance in the council elections. But whereas other politicians have gone home to catch up on their sleep he has, as father and relief night nurse, been spooning paediatric antibiotic elixir down the throat of his four-year-old son. Felix has just been discharged from the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital where he was being treated for osteomyelitis.

This bacterial infection of the bone is a disease to give rise to an anxiety to match any of those at Westminster. Before the days of antibiotics osteomyelitis was a dreaded condition resulting in months, or even years, in hospital for repeated surgery. Sometimes even after the wounds had healed general ill health and deformity remained.

Fortunately Felix is better. The illness began when he developed sudden, very severe, pain in his heel which rapidly became tender and swollen; he had a high temperature and it was obvious from his blood tests and raised white count that he had an infection in one of the bones.

As often happens in the early stages a straight X-ray failed to show the site of the infection, and it was identified by the use of a radioactive isotope scan. His condition rapidly improved after taking antibiotics.

The next X-rays will show whether the antibiotics killed the infection before damage was done to the bone and, if not, whether any joint surfaces were involved. In cases where bone has become devitalised it is necessary to remove it, and to arrange for drainage of any abscess which has formed at the site.

It is usually impossible to determine where the infection started. Felix had had a cold recently and a blood-borne organism probably spread from his throat and settled in the bone. Many orthopaedic surgeons think that the bones which become infected have been the subject of some very minor trauma which had caused an area of hyperaemia (increased blood supply) and this blood-rich zone later acts as a perfect culture medium for any migratory germ.

MEDICAL BRIEFING

New hopes on partial paralysis

If Mr Wedgwood Benn had suffered his partial paralysis in 1985 rather than 1981, he might have been back at work even sooner. Until recently there had been no medical treatment available for the Guillain Barre syndrome and doctors only watched while the daily care of the patient was in the hands of the nurses and physiotherapists.

Now an unpublished survey from the United States confirms that a new form of treatment, plasma exchange (or plasmaphoresis) may in severe cases shorten the patient's time on a ventilator or, if less severely afflicted, enable him to throw his sticks away earlier. The whole blood is withdrawn, separated out and the extracted plasma replaced by a commercial product, plasma protein fraction.



Mr Benn in 1981 with Guillain Barre syndrome

Guillain Barre syndrome is a horrifying condition. A person hitherto well suddenly becomes paralysed; often the chest muscles are affected and artificial respiration is necessary. The paralysis is due to the destruction of the sheaths of the peripheral nerves thought to be caused by one of the auto-immune diseases.

It affects about 500 people a year in Britain. The usual story is that one to three weeks after a minor infection, surgical procedure or even an innoculation, a patient notices a developing weakness often associated with tingling and numbness in their limbs. Legs tend to be affected more severely and earlier than arms (hence the disease's other name, Landry's ascending paralysis) but paralysis is frequently complete. In half the cases even the muscles of the face are involved.

Although 85 per cent of the patients recover from the paralysis completely, some may be left with the residual effects of any complications which occurred. Fifteen per cent of patients continue to have what some doctors think is a separate condition, a chronic or relapsing form of Guillain Barre syndrome. In these cases immunosuppressant drugs may be useful in treatment and, unlike the acute form of the disease, steroids are helpful.

Even if plasma exchange is helpful in some cases others, perhaps the majority, will still need expert nursing, sometimes in intensive care. Graduated physiotherapy can prevent lasting contractures of the tendons and later deformity. It is also essential to see that other systems of the body continue to function – even the heart can be affected and sometimes a pacemaker is needed.

A support group for patients and their families has been formed and recently held its inaugural meeting at Guy's Hospital. Mrs Sanders, its secretary, can be contacted at 45 Parkfield Road, Ruskington, Sleaford, Lincs.

Change of fashion in murder poisons



Mention of Guillain Barre syndrome always leads on to discussion about arsenic poisoning. Not only because arsenic also causes fragmentation of the sheath of the peripheral nerves and a peripheral neuritis, but also because older doctors like to recount their tale of when their brilliant diagnosis prevented a ruthless husband or wife from committing murder. The symptoms of the nerve damage due to arsenic have been well publicised by detective writers.

Away from fiction thallium is beginning to rival arsenic as a poison. One sinister case in the last year or two which received no publicity was when a foreign government's hit squad planned to murder the two young children of one of their exiled opponents by offering them peanuts coated with thallium. The children were lucky: early diagnosis and skilled medical care in a heavily protected ward of a London teaching hospital saved their lives. Thallium, like arsenic, initially causes vomiting, diarrhoea, stomach cramp, and collapse. Those who survive this stage develop visual and mental symptoms and after about three weeks lose their hair.

Custom-made chair

Mr Martin Batye worked in hospitals for a time and noticed that the furniture was uncomfortable and badly designed for the disabled. His firm Kirton Design was started five years ago to fill this gap. Health authorities now take 80 per cent of his work and 20 per cent goes to individual customers who can buy a made-to-measure chair which will fit their arthritic joints.

MYTHS

Four medical myths about eyes:

1 That a patient can damage his eyes by wearing the wrong glasses. Adults can't, children might very occasionally.

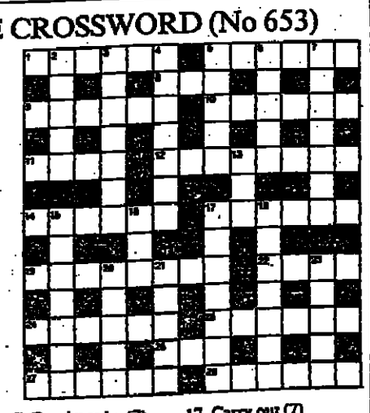
2 That an increase in black floaters is always unimportant and probably due to indigestion or "liver troubles". In fact, it may signal retinal damage.

3 That a cataract has to be ripe before surgery is possible. The time for surgery is when vision is sufficiently impaired to interfere with domestic or professional life.

4 That chemical sterilization of contact lenses is as good as boiling. It may be as efficient at killing the organisms, but it can result in severe conjunctivitis.

Dr Thomas Stuttaford

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200 shares you will receive £7.80.
400 shares you will receive £15.60.
800 shares you will receive £31.20.

An interim dividend for 1985-86 is also expected to be paid in February next year.

**From the end of May you will only be able to deal in BT's shares on the basis that the instalment has been paid.*

NOTE: The bill vouchers and share bonus only apply if you bought shares in the initial offer of November 1984.

THE TIMES DIARY

Mackay for Chancellor?

Latest news about the likely successor to Lord Hailsham, when the 77-year-old Lord Chancellor decides to hang up his boots, Peter Fraser QC, the Solicitor General for Scotland, was recently instructed by the Government to submit counsel's opinion on the suitability of appointing a Scottish Lord Chancellor – in this case, Lord Mackay, the Lord Advocate of Scotland. Fraser duly carried out the task, and went to extraordinary lengths, I am told, to conceal his mission while looking up such telling tomes as *Past Lord Chancellors* in the House of Commons library. Although aware of the potential outcry from the legal establishment to a Scottish incumbent, Fraser's opinion was a favourable one, except, that is, for just one problem: as Lord Chancellor, one is occasionally responsible for appointing bishops. Lord Mackay is a "wee Free".

Account settled

There is a postscript, I learn, to my story of how the Commons trade and industry committee bought three shirts and two pairs of expensive silk pyjamas back from China for Sir Geoffrey Howe. My revelation apparently threw the Foreign Office into something of a tizzy about whether duty had, or should have been, paid on the clothing. Inquiries were discreetly made. No, no duty had been paid. Yes, it should have been. A cheque from Sir Geoffrey for £14 has now, I can disclose, been quietly forwarded to HM Customs and Excise.

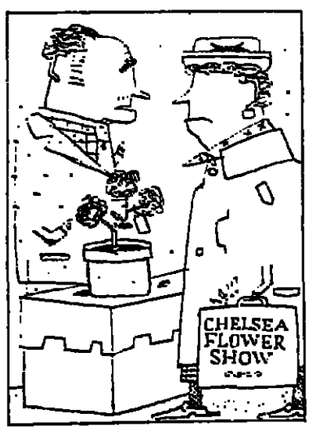
Sticky tape

Tribune may, as I reported yesterday, have broken with its Bennite past – but apparently it is still regarded as subversive. Three times the editor, Nigel Williamson, tried to ring *Tribune's* solicitors, Seifert Sedley, yesterday. Each time he was put through to an educational publisher. Finally he went through the operator and heard her conversation with the Seifert telephonist. "You're through," said the operator. Unfortunately he wasn't. All he could hear was a recording of the conversation he had just overheard.

Plot

Power Failure, the latest novel by Labour MP Brian Sedgemore published today, should make compulsive reading for his leader. In it, Sedgemore suggests that Kinnock – who features as the thinly disguised fictitious prime minister – has struck up a deal with the US and Nato whereby a Labour government could scrap Polaris and Trident on the condition that cruise was retained on US bases. "Although it's a political fantasy," Sedgemore tells me, "I have reason to believe thats the policy of the Labour leadership."

BARRY FANTONI



'I've named this one David Owen because it will graft onto practically anything'

Steel yourself

David Steel was naturally ecstatic when news reached him in Iceland last weekend about Alliance buoyancy in the opinion polls. So it was off to a Reykjavik disco to celebrate with Iceland's PM, Steingrimur Hermannsson. The pair, doubtless convincing each other how seldom they frequent such joints, were happily engrossed in the "Hollywood" disco's giant video when suddenly up popped Steel on the screen flanked by half-naked men entwined in snakes, Dusty Springfield and Kim Wilde. Surely some mistake, spluttered Steel, who then realized it was a pirate video of a BBC programme, *Saturday Night Out*, filmed at the London Hippodrome, which he had reluctantly taken part in earlier this year. "He only did the programme for the socio-C2 and D Liberal voters", explained a henchman yesterday. "He got lots of letters to say how ghastly it was, and he thought he'd seen the last of it." The Icelanders, meanwhile, are going wild about their new chunky-knit idol.

Cider with Maggie

Eager to help business in his Yeovil constituency, Liberal Paddy Ashdown has given the Commons catering manager a bottle of Somerset cider in the hope that he'll order more. Opposition MPs may indeed develop a taste for it. Called Thatcher's Ruin, it is described by its makers as traditional, strong, dry, and devoid of artificial sweetener.

PHS

A costly protection racket

by Michael Fallon

My constituents could have built the Bosporus bridge. They won't, because the Japanese and Italian bids in the winning tender, as described by Woodrow Wyatt in this page last week, carried soft credit terms. Lesson: we want new, tougher rules on export finance. We want international agreement on competitive public purchasing, a framework to allow the best British firms to compete across the globe on equal terms.

The British interest – my constituents' interest – lies in freer, fairer trade. We want other countries' markets opened up; we want insurance and financial services liberalized.

Instead, we get protectionism. The Department of Trade and Industry now bends its official ear to call for barriers and tariffs. A Conservative government is happy to renew, on an open-end basis, an agreement on textile trade which is as discriminatory as it is expensive. Recent debate on the multi-fibre agreement (MFA) shows that open traders are now the smallest of the minority parties.

The Liberals are split. Labour's one-time commitment to the principles of the General Agreement of Trade and Tariffs is forgotten. MPs from all sides dismissed the evidence (Professor Aubrey Silberston's work on the effects of protection; the recent OECD study of its costs), preferring to ridicule the few of us who favour any degree of relaxation of trade rules for textiles as "the consumer lobby".

No one is arguing for unfettered, Cobdenite free trade. That, of course, is not an option. What the GATT has recommended is only that textiles and clothing be brought within its normal rules over a clearly defined period. Such a transition would have to be gradual; even when completed, sectors in difficulty would still have recourse to safeguard.

Britain foisted the first MFA on a European Community that was ostensibly pledged to open trade. Although a major world exporter, we are also party to EEC protection of agriculture and steel. To these must be added so-called voluntary restraints on an increasing range of manufactured goods.

Of all protectionist regimes the MFA is easily the worst. It keeps prices up: the second MFA alone put up average UK retail prices by 20 per cent and doubled the cost of children's clothes. It hits the worst-off hardest, as they spend more of their budget of clothing. (Why does Labour support such a tax on the poor?)

Nor has it saved jobs. Thousands of textile jobs have gone since the MFA began in 1974 and a further 150,000 will be shed by 1997. Fewer than 10,000 jobs actually depend on the agreement continuing. The real causes of this job loss lie deeper – in the migration of textile employment from north to south, automation and better productivity.

Professor Silberston suggests that the MFA blocks job creation in other industries. He estimates an increase of 68,000 jobs if the regime is liberalized, through a stronger exchange rate and the release of foreign currency into other British goods. And the subsidy per job – now twice average annual earnings in the industry – could create twice as many jobs for the same money elsewhere.

The cost of the MFA – £165 million payment to our industry, £330 million put in foreign exporters pockets – is therefore huge. That consumer spending on higher clothing prices is £500 million foregone on other UK goods and services. But the real price we pay is very much higher.

While my colleagues in the Commons are lunched and lauded by the textile lobbyists I have to explain to 900 Darlington bridge-builders why the UK's desire for fair trade in civil engineering work rings hollow.

The author is Conservative MP for Darlington.

Diana Geddes on the Paris-Bonn dissension which has hit a deep nerve



Mitterrand and Kohl at Verdun: close relationship or marriage of convenience?

Friendship touched by doubt

Paris
President Mitterrand and Chancellor Kohl meet in Bonn next Tuesday to try to repair the break in their relations which opened up so glaringly at the Bonn summit three weeks ago.

A considerable "papering-over" exercise has already begun, with both sides seeking to minimize the importance of the rift which nevertheless clearly shocked and upset the French, as was demonstrated by such headlines as that in the *Figaro* of May 6: "Europe divided: limits of Franco-German relations clearly revealed".

Germany was, after all, considered to be France's best friend and ally. Their friendship was the foundation on which Europe was being built. Why had Chancellor Kohl taken so public a stance, before the summit has even officially opened, in favour of the American Space Defence Initiative (SDI) and in support of the American call for a new round of talks in the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, to begin in 1986? He knew that France had strong reservations about SDI "in its present state" and felt the Bonn summit to be an inappropriate forum to discuss a purely American initiative, and all 10 EEC ministers had previously agreed that the time was not yet ripe for setting a date for a new Gatt round.

There was a sense of betrayal in the air. Edith Cresson, the fiery French trade minister, accused Germany of having "broken its word", while the normally ultra-diplomatic Roland Dumas, the Foreign Minister, commented caustically that "something failed in the European motor at the Bonn summit . . . Herr Kohl went off the European tracks in order to be a welcoming host for Ronald Reagan." America, with which France has such a love-hate relationship, had been put before France, and France was indignant.

Public rows between France and Germany are rare. Britain and France may go hammer and tongs at each other – and frequently do – in the confident knowledge that their superficial rivalry is based on a long-standing, deeply-embedded friendship and mutual respect, and that they will be able to "kiss and make up" when the storm has blown over. But relations between France and Germany are altogether more complicated, more fragile and more important.

France and Germany need one another, psychologically, economically, and from a national security point of view. They cannot afford the luxury of public disputes. Germany is France's number one trading partner for both imports and exports: France is Germany's number one customer and second-biggest supplier. If the Russians attack Germany, France knows that its own security is automatically threatened (in a way that Britain's is not). So France has a vital interest in German foreign policy and defence, while Germany is anxious to gain the committed support of France – a nuclear power but not part of the Nato integrated military camp

The two countries have been at war with one another three times in just over a century. Three times France has been occupied, three times Germany defeated.

Germany and France founded the European Community. They have formed its backbone and provided its driving force for the past three decades. President Mitterrand has shown an almost mystical ardour in his determination to pursue and extend that process. At the now-famous ceremony of Franco-German reconciliation at Verdun last September, Mitterrand and Kohl spoke of Europe as their "common mother country", and declared that they were "moving together toward a common future". "We have become reconciled; we have understood one another; we have become friends . . . the union of Europe is our common goal."

The sentiment and rhetoric, which so often characterize Franco-German relations, is at odds with the more prosaic Franco-British or Anglo-German relations. Could one ever imagine a British Prime Minister holding hands at some official ceremony with President Mitterrand or Chancellor Kohl? So much insistence on the closeness of the Franco-German relationship gives rise to a suspicion that it is not as strongly based as the two partners would have us believe, and that it is in fact more a marriage of convenience.

In a book entitled *Le Vertige Allemand*, published earlier this month, Brigitte Sauzay, Mitterrand's official German interpreter, writes: "One might have believed that the two peoples had become intimate; that the French and Germans, having buried their old quarrels had got to know each other, had grown to understand one another. Nothing could be further from the truth. They speak less and less the same language."

Although the French are aware of the common destiny that binds them to Germany, they still do not really like the Germans, Sauzay suggests. The bad memories of the war are too recent, and the economic revival of post-war Germany too successful. The German Ostpolitik provokes suspicion, while the spectre of an eventual German reunification continues to haunt the French. The French government's official stance on reunification is that every people should have the right to self-determination: its private view, and one shared by a majority of the French people, is probably best summed up in Francois Mauriac's famous comment: "I love Germany so much that I am glad there are two of them".

One should nevertheless not exaggerate the weak points of Franco-German relationship, nor underestimate the importance of the co-operation and real friendship which have been built up since the war, and more particularly since the treaty signed by De Gaulle and Adenauer in 1963. The biannual summit meetings (Britain has only one summit meeting a year with France), quarterly meetings between foreign ministers, and monthly meetings of senior civil servants dealing with political, cultural and economic affairs, have inevitably built up a rare trust and understanding between the two countries.

The co-operation between the two countries over the years has had a remarkable effect on public opinion. Recent polls show that 40 years after the end of the war, most French people now consider Germany to be France's "best friend"; Britain rated only fourth place, equal with Italy. Three out of every five French people, and the same proportion of Germans, would like to see a common defence policy for France and Germany, and 52 per cent of the French would include the French nuclear force in that. More than two-thirds of both the French and Germans are in favour of a "close political union" between the countries.

However, the rub comes when one notices that the Germans rate the United States as their "best friend", with France relegated to second position. Asked if they thought France would come to their aid in the event of a Soviet attack, an impressive 52 per cent of Germans said "yes", but as many as 41 per cent did not think so. Germany knows that it is dependant on the United States for its defence, and is therefore much more beholden to Washington than France with its independent nuclear deterrent.

The French take with a pinch of salt Chancellor Kohl's recent claim that "the oft-cited dilemma of choosing between Paris and Washington does not exist for us". It is clear to them that it does, and did at the Bonn summit, and that was precisely what upset them. More recently, however, they have been showing greater comprehension of that dilemma, particularly at the present time when Kohl is in such a vulnerable position at home. They will nevertheless be looking to next Tuesday's meeting between Kohl and Mitterrand for a confirmation of Kohl's recent comments indicating a shift away from Germany's summit position on SDI and Gatt to one closer to that of France. They will also be looking for some concession from the Germans on cereal prices.

Herr Genscher's highly favourable comments in Paris on Wednesday in support of the French "Eureka" project have already helped soothe some of the ruffled French feathers. But the Germans should not regard the Bonn rift as simply a "storm which has helped to clear the air". At President Mitterrand's request French officials have been trying to play down the rift by claiming that it is simply part of the normal ups and downs in any relationship, but their confidence in their chief European partner has been shaken, and that will take some time to mend. Meanwhile, the prospect of some major Franco-German initiative at the Milan EEC summit at the end of June looks less and less likely.

Chinese game with high stakes

Peking
Chinese officials were quick to blame the "uncivilized behaviour" of rioting soccer fans in Peking of May 19 on the chaos which the Cultural Revolution had wreaked on the education system. Mob violence is not uncommon in modern Chinese history, but since the end of the Maoist era in 1976 Chinese xenophobia has found expression in sports rather than political campaigns.

Diplomats who listened to foreigners recount their frightening experiences at the hands of the mob last Sunday night said the rioters sounded like latter-day Red Guards in their vicious disregard for other people's rights and property.

Peking's deputy party secretary Jia Chunwang described it as the worst sporting incident in the capital since liberation in 1949. There have been other "sporting incidents" in Peking in recent years, but this time the mob turned vicious.

China's leaders have not concealed their ambition to turn the country into a world power. To do that, however, as Deng Xiaoping said recently, China's economy would first have to catch up with that of the developed world, a process which he hoped would be complete by the centenary of the founding of the People's Republic (2049). Becoming a world sports power would take less time and China's medal tally at the 1984 Summer Olympics in Los Angeles was an impressive start. There the Chinese won 15 gold, eight silver and nine bronze medals giving the economically backward nation a tremendous morale booster.

Last October, Chinese leaders urged the country's "sports workers" to "make new contributions to building their country into a world sports power". Poor sportsmanship and soccer hooliganism are thus serious problems in a totalitarian state like China, where sport not only has clear political overtones but is a vent for otherwise frustrated xenophobia.

Last Sunday's defeat carried special significance: a national team, selected from a population of one billion, was beaten by a team thrown up by a mere five million compatriots: It was thus a loss of face on several counts – China lost, it lost to Hong Kong and then showed itself to the world as a very bad loser. "Their (the rioters') behaviour certainly damaged the image of our country", commented the *People's Daily*.

For that august party newspaper to say that the "disgraceful behaviour" of the Chinese team and spectators "hurt the heart of Hong Kong compatriots" is to understate Hong Kong's vulnerability at the hands of one billion Chinese.

Whatever the leadership has said about the uniqueness of China's "one country, two systems" policy towards Hong Kong as a diplomatic solution to a political problem, the football match showed that the Hong Kong system was superior to that of China. The British diplomat in Peking who said that the riot would have erupted whichever team had defeated China and that it was not a display of anti-Hong Kong sentiment may well have been right. He would have a hard time convincing Hong Kong Chinese of that, however.

Already, the manager of the Hong Kong Seiko team which is scheduled to play a return match in the Asian Super Club Championship against Liaoning province in Shenyang on Sunday has said he fears for the safety of his team.

The social significance of the riot is clear. "We haven't done enough work to educate our youth in ideals, discipline and laws", said Mr Jia, whose remarks came a week after the authorities had acknowledged that juvenile delinquency was "rampant" in Peking.

It brought nationwide attention to the problem of soccer hooliganism in China, already highlighted in a circular issuedin April by the party central committee for promoting socialist ethics. "There will be many soccer matches in our country this year", the circular said, "and many of them are major international or national matches. In view of the many disturbances, quarrels, fist fights and even injuries and deaths during last year's soccer matches and the ill effects they have caused at home and abroad, special attention must be taken now. The masses, particularly young people, must be educated to be civilized watchers."

There is no question that the 127 youths arrested for rioting last Sunday will be severely punished, or that future international games will be heavily policed. Mr Jia, who made the standard Communist "self-criticism" when he said "there are loopholes in our organizational work" and that authorities have learned their lesson from the riot, also guaranteed that there will be no repetition in future. Quipped one analyst: "This could mean that tickets to future international games will only be issued to good Communists and cops."

Mary Lee

David Watt

Now Reagan is truly grounded

Washington
A couple of months ago, after a visit here, I wrote an article for this page which suggested that President Reagan was moving rapidly into the "lame duck" phase of his administration. This notion was poohpoohed at the time both by the right and the left in Britain – neither of which for obvious, and opposing, reasons wanted to believe it.

It is very hard to dispute, however, after the events of the last few weeks. The humiliation which the president received at the hands of Congress over his budget proposals and aid to the Contras against Nicaragua would not have been inflicted this time last year; it is even doubtful whether controversy over Bitburg would have been played up with quite such hostile gusto by the America media or would have been so damaging to Reagan.

Reagan's "Contras" proposal is the first major casualty since the late 1950s of the 22nd amendment of the American Constitution, which prevents any person being elected president more than twice thus creating the "lame duck" conditions.

Political Washington certainly accepts it as a fact of life that although the president's miraculous personal popularity may survive almost indefinitely he is quickly running out of the political leverage he needs to win support. The only question is just how rapidly the run-down is going to take place and what the practical effects my be.

At first glance, the president might seem much less constrained by his approaching retirement than he actually is, because on the two big issues on his agenda there is already a rough consensus of American public opinion. Everyone agrees that a simplification of the American tax system is long overduc. And most people, with the exception of the extreme right, support the idea that better East-West relations and some kind of deal on armaments at Geneva would be a good thing.

It ought to follow, therefore, that the president is pushing at an open door and does not need much weight or persuasive power for that task. According to this happy theory he can from now on coast comfortably into the history books as the man who gave his party unbeatable popularity for a generation by taking taxes off the backs of the people and by ushering a new era of world peace backed by American strength.

Unfortunately life is not as simple as that. Take the tax package. This plan, which the president undoubtedly regards as the key to his second term, will not be fully unveiled until next week. Judging by the previews it would indeed be a radical scheme if passed in its original form, not so much because it would clear the jungle of anomalies that have grown up, but because it appears to have the classic populist effect of shifting a substantial burden of taxation from the poorer individual to the backs of the corporations and the wealthy.

But how is such a scheme to be put through Congress? The vested interests and lobbies that it would confront – particularly American banking and property development – are some of the most powerful and skilful in the world, operating within a political system designed to give them maximum freedom and scope.

Then there are Democrats in the House of Representatives, who can be relied on to create endless complications even if they daren't oppose the scheme completely. This is the kind of situation which cannot really be expected to yield a great deal unless there is a heavy presidential contribution to the campaign – not simply by artful salesmanship to the public but also by ruthless arm-twisting and calling in of IOUs on Capitol Hill. The president is probably still good for the first, but the Washington pros are doubtful whether he is still good for the second.

The case of East-West relations is more difficult to read. For one thing, nobody knows what the president *really* wants. Is he prepared to pay a price for some kind of deal with Mr Gorbachov? Would he bargain a postponement or modification of "Star Wars" if the Russians offered a first-class deal? Does he propose to abandon the limits on missiles imposed by the Salt II agreement? Does he care a fig for the anti-ballistic missile treaty and his allies' desire not to breach it? It is easy enough to identify the positions taken by different groups and individuals in the administration – from Nancy Reagan to Richard Perle – but where the president will ultimately allow himself to be placed, nobody in Washington can really tell.

It is clear that if he did choose to take what the extreme right would regard as unjustified risks, in order to reach a better understanding with the Russians, he could get away with it in the present climate. It is equally clear, however, that if he does *not* take that route he has got some quite serious problems with which he may now lack the credibility to cope.

The first will concern European leaders, who will be in no mood to be too polite to an outgoing president if their own public opinion is in revolt over a breakdown of talks in Geneva. Then there are the congressional leaders who are likely to be more cantankerous and disrespectful than ever about the president's requests for defence expenditure if he cannot show that he has made a real effort to reach arms controls agreement. And finally there is the American public who may have come in the last year to expect him to live up to his carefully tailored image as a man of peace.

It is important not to overstate this last point. In the propaganda battle the president naturally has a huge in-built advantage over the Russians – on his home ground, at any rate. But the "feel" one gets in America at the moment, as one does in Britain, is of a public opinion that is in some important respects on the turn.

The complexities of power have blurred the edges of President Reagan's original vision, as they have Mrs Thatcher's; not only can people see the flaws in the prospectus but the salesmen have lost that last ounce of self-confidence that ultimately convinces the wavering client. On foreign policy Reagan's pristine clarity has probably gone for ever. The tax package, on the other hand, represents to him what privatization does to Mrs Thatcher – a chance of regaining momentum, or perhaps recovering lost purity. But in either case his difficulties, unlike hers, are vastly compounded by the certainty that time is running out.

A. N. Author

The bank that came to listen

I am used to having my hard luck stories trumped, but never have I been bested quite so thoroughly by A. N. Other-Author as I was last week.

You may remember (although I doubt it) my recent gripe on the subject of audiences at the dimmest end of pub theatre. To recap: there aren't any. I was griping on about how two men and a dog were the sole attenders at a work by my good friend P. L. Aywright, and about how the dog was drunk and ruined the show by mauling, in mid-monologue, an actor whom he took to be a rowdy customer.

Anyway, a few days ago I was down at an adult college in Surrey for a reading by a well-known children's author (that in itself may sound contradictory, but it is only the truth); at the end of the evening we repaired to the local, where the conversation fell, inevitably, to poor houses. I duly lobbed in my account of Aywright's experience, which this author absorbed with a series of stoical nods.

No sooner had I done than he embarked on his trumpery. It transpired that he had recently been on a tour sponsored by one of the regional arts councils. I am withholding the identity of both reader and region in order to protect the innocent (that is, them) and the guilty (by which I mean me).

Now, the idea behind these regional tours runs roughly as follows: a writer of reasonable repute – though not so reasonable as to make him able to dispense with the fee – is invited to a town to give a series of talks and performances. He spends the morning augmenting the teaching staff of a primary school, the afternoon holding a "surgery" in the local library, and the evening declaiming his work to a grown-up audience of putative poets.

It so happened that this children's poet of whom I speak had lived in the town some 12 years previously, and so returned with the not unreasonable hope of ministering to an audience of erstwhile fans. It was not to be. Twenty minutes after he had arrived and set up his modest stall of remaindered hardbacks in the library, it was clear that his audience for the afternoon was to consist of the roundest number known to man – nought. The blue-rinse brigade came and went, exchanging one Catherine Cookson for another, as did the army of male pensioners, bent on acquiring nothing more than the latest Wilbur Smith.

As he packed his bags to leave, two most implausible punters blew in from the reference section. They wore chalk-striped suits with box shoulders and advanced towards him with the air of ardent groupies.

"Is your name A. C. Poet?" said the older of the two.

"Yes," replied our hero.

"Otherwise known as A. Children's-Poet, formerly of this parish?"

"Why, yes," came the answer.

It was at this point that the senior of the bank officials – for that is what they were – produced a *pro forma* letter and slapped it with the zeal of a writ onto the poet's desk. It read as follows: "I, A. C. Poet, hereby undertake irrevocably to repay to . . . the sum of £1,200 at the rate of £30 a month."

The poet, for whom times had been yet harder 12 years ago than at present, had left the town with an epic overdraft. His pursuer – let us call him B. Anker – had chanced upon an advertisement for the surgery in a copy of the local rag, and had now descended with the predatory glint of an I-Spy champion.

Worse, his young amanuensis was watching him with the kind of adulation usually reserved for Kenny Dalglish or Bryan Robson.

"Would you accept these books in lieu of payment?" ventured A. C. Poet. "They are almost entirely unobtainable these days."

"I think not," said Anker, taking the signed letter and leaving.

The episode has done wonders for A. C. Poet's workrate. There is scarcely a reading or a surgery in the Home Counties at which he has not been booked to perform. You will seek him in vain, however, for he has changed his name – and his bank.

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A BLOODY STAGE

The Lebanese tragedy conforms to the Shakespearian rather than the classical canon. The physical horrors take place on stage as well as off. The unities of time and place are not observed – the scene shifts back and forth between Beirut and the south, with now and then an interlude in Tripoli or the Bekaa. There is a bewildering concatenation of subplots, and those who were allies in the last scene are often enemies in the next, or vice versa. A central character may be murdered or simply disappear, but the play goes on.

The present scene pits two actors, formerly allies, against each other. One has been, for many of the spectators, the principal hero and victim of the drama so far: the Palestinian "resistance". This character has had fewer lines to speak in the most recent scenes, and is perhaps now heading for its final exit.

The other, the Lebanese Shia community, was all but silent for the first few acts but in the past 18 months or so has been right in the centre of the action. For many it has taken over the role of hero, and in the current issue of the American journal *Foreign Affairs* the whole story is retold as that of the irresistible rise of the Shia by a prodigal son of that same community – Professor Fouad Ajami of Johns Hopkins University. It is both an analytical and a literary tour de force, cruelly juxtaposed to an article in which Mr Amin Gemayel, tragic hero of the scene before last and still Lebanon's nominal president, tries bravely to restate the old Lebanese myth.

"We in Lebanon," concludes the President, "have learned two things: that we must recognize and cherish our Lebanese identity above all others, and that we must never fail to assume our proper role – sometimes of leadership, sometimes of support, but always of realism, peace and co-operation – in the Middle East." Alas, Professor Ajami – and many of his compatriots with him – has learnt something quite different. His story is not of an admirable and durable Lebanon buffeted and torn apart by terrible vicissitudes and errors, but of an underdog community for which Lebanon is only the latest in a long line of states to have oppressed and ignored it, and which has unexpectedly come into its own.

Yet he knows better than to end on a note of triumph. "Power has come to the Shia," he writes all too accurately, "in a time of ruin. All in Lebanon battle one another, a vicious circle of helplessness.

"In a world of states, the lives of men and sects without states of their own are chronicles of futility."

For the moment, however, the Shia are in the ascendant. After leading the resistance to the Israeli occupation in the south, they have turned their attention to completing the task the Israelis set themselves when they entered Lebanon three years ago: the destruction of the armed Palestinian presence in the country.

The reasons for this apparent paradox are well explained in Professor Ajami's article. The Shia in the south were the main victims of the Palestinian quasi-state built by the PLO in the early 1970s, as of the Israeli reprisals which it provoked. But at that time they lacked the voice and the muscle to take on the PLO, which enjoyed the apparent support of the entire Muslim establishment in the Arab world, with the single exception of King Husain whose conflict with it had made him a virtual outcast. The then leader of the Lebanese Shia, "Imam" Musa al-Sadr, was an immigrant from Iran, determined to secure admission to the Arab establishment for himself and his community. He could not afford an alliance with the Maronite Christians – the main opponents of the PLO within Lebanon; still less with Israel itself.

Musa Sadr therefore sided with the PLO against Israel and against the right-wing Maronites, who in any case regarded the growing Shia population in the capital – a population of have-nots – as sinister and threatening. But he knew better than to back it against Syria in 1976, when he remained carefully neutral. The PLO, which challenged the power of the Maronite establishment in Lebanon and in the process usurped and discredited that of the Sunni establishment, helped to open the way for the Shia but without earning their gratitude; and after 1982 the Israelis did the same, sweeping the PLO out of the south and then squeezing it painfully out of West Beirut.

In alliance with Syria and the Druze, the Shia have been able to thwart Israel's attempt to install a new Maronite hegemony in Lebanon, but they are as determined as Syria that this must not mean a return to the *status quo ante* of an independent and lawless Palestinian presence, symbolized by Mr Yassir Arafat.

Even Mr Arafat's Palestinian enemies seem now to have realized that in the new Lebanon planned by Syria and the Shia there will be no more independence for them than for him. Those who besieged him in Tripoli eighteen months ago have now joined his supporters in a forlorn last stand. The moral for all Palestinians must be that the illusion of armed presence in Lebanon as a way back to Palestine is now indisputably bankrupt. There is no longer anything to lose by taking the alternative road which Mr Arafat, as yet too timidly, has been trying to explore – the road of negotiation with Israel under the aegis of King Husain.

BORDER WRANGLES

The wrangle between the Royal Ulster Constabulary and the Garda Siochana in the wake of the multiple murder at Killeen is unfortunate and unnecessary. On Monday four RUC police officers, one of them a woman, were blown to their deaths by a massive charge of explosives near a defunct customs post where the Belfast-Dublin road crosses the border into the Republic. Later the same day the Chief Constable of the RUC, Sir John Hermon, put out a statement which asserted as fact that the explosives and the killers were from the Republic.

The forensic evidence bearing on that question was not yet available. The only clue known to the public – that the trailer on which the explosives were packed had been stolen from a farm at Newtown Hamilton in County Armagh – pointed, if anywhere, the other way. It has been suggested that the RUC statement was based on intelligence sources, but since they cannot be disclosed they could not be used to sustain a statement that was liable to be contested. The statement may prove to be correct, but its publication on Monday was over-hasty.

On their side the Garda Siochana were too quick to react to what if a deliberate attempt were being made to direct blame at them, or as if to an implication that they were lax or incompetent. Those are not charges that anyone in authority in Northern Ireland would make concerning a single explosion, however terrible, almost before the echoes had died away. The Garda's anti-terrorist work is respected among professionals in the North, much as they might like more resources to be put into it; and the co-operation between the two police forces is generally good at operational level, barring a personal coolness at the very top between the commissioner in Dublin and the chief constable in Belfast.

The coolness goes back to what is known as the Dowra case, one of those fishy incidents that scented the last days of Mr Haughey's administration. In September 1982 a charge arising out of a bar brawl came to trial before a local court at Dowra, south of the border. The chief prosecution witness, victim of the alleged assault, was absent from court without explanation whereupon the judge dismissed the case. Th witness, who lived north of the border, happened to be taken in for questioning by the RUC that day, hence his absence from the court in the Republic. The accused, himself a police officer in the Garda, happened to be the brother-in-law of Mr Haughey's minister for justice.

The circumstances of this odd case were looked into in both parts of Ireland, but Mr Lawrence Wren, who became commissioner for police early in Dr FitzGerald's administration, has been dissatisfied with the extent of what Sir John Hermon was prepared to tell him about the RUC's part in the affair. The two chiefs of police have not met each other since. The present reluctance is on the part of Mr Wren. This is a lacuna in the arrangements for professional co-operation between the two forces and is to be regretted, as Mr Douglas Hurd had occasion to say the other day. This latest exchange of notes between the two headquarters will not improve matters.

Co-operation in security is at the heart of the Anglo-Irish talks. It is sometimes suggested that for Dublin political change of the kind it wants in Northern Ireland is the price of improved or maintained cross-border security co-operation on its part. Dr FitzGerald had his foreign minister Mr Peter Barry strenuously deny that. In London earlier this month Mr Barry said security co-operation never had been or would be a political counter in negotiations between the two governments. "It is about protecting and saving human lives, and that is that." He could have added that it is also about the safety of the Irish state.

They are to be believed. The connection they make between better security and political progress, as they define it, in the North is of a different kind. It concerns a change of attitude towards the law enforcement agencies among elements in the nationalist community in the North, and the more active support for them, that might grow out of a new political deal.

Nevertheless cross-border co-operation and the joint anti-terrorist effort, though rooted in common interest and a matter of professional application, are in Ireland politically charged affairs and could hardly be unaffected by any general deterioration in Anglo-Irish relations.

GOOD NEWS IN THE EAST

The delayed decision to give outline planning permission for a short takeoff and landing port (or stolport) in derelict London docklands is good news for London's East End and the capital as a whole. Local protesters and their local authority allies, including the GLC, may disagree. The stolport, however, is a crucial growth point needed to make the wholesale redevelopment of London's docklands work. It is the *sine qua non* of the £1 billion development of a new waterside city around the Royal group of docks, as well as new job-creating service investments and more speculative ventures such as the proposed bid to build new sports arena and attract the Olympic Games to the East End.

Opposition has owed something to pique that the regeneration of London's docklands has been taken out of the hands of vacillating elected local authorities and placed in the hands of a development corporation that has plainly put the creation of new enterprise of the kind that the market wants above immediate local social needs or the preservation of old and often dying businesses. There have been understandable fears about the environmental effects of any airport as well as a lack of understanding that jobs can be created in an area of high unemployment by less direct but more secure and diverse ways than can be achieved simply by building large factories.

No airport can be built without some ill effects on local residents, any more than could the old docks and factories. And it is in the nature of a development that should itself stimulate further growth that these cannot be as precisely predicted or controlled in advance as some would like. But the stolport appears to offer London's East Enders an unusually good bargain that can bring the maximum of economic benefit in terms of expanding industries.

Quick and quiet air transport to the main cities of northern Europe and Britain's regions may be of more initial benefit to City bankers and businessmen than to unemployed Cockneys. That in itself will help the city in which so many East Enders work. And that infrastructure and the spending it brings will, if the project is successful, swiftly produce commercial and entertainment developments and hotels in its wake. The greater influx of affluent residents should create the retail developments, social facilities and increase in rateable values that can lift living conditions for the area as a whole. Only through new focuses of wealth creation can such an area of debilitating long-term decline be transformed into one of prosperity and growth. That is the exciting hope for London's East End, even if it takes forms that surprise and require uncomfortable adjustments for the people who live there.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Papal attitude to church unity

From the Very Reverend Monsignor George R. Leonard

Sir, It would appear that Pope John Paul was misleadingly reported, at least on ecumenical issues, during his pastoral visit to Holland (Peter Nichols, May 16).

Far from expressing scepticism about the possibility of future advances in ecumenism, he declared to Church leaders in Utrecht on May 13:

With all possible emphasis I want to assure you – as I have done repeatedly since the day of my election as Supreme Pastor of the Catholic Church – that ecumenism is and remains a fundamental priority in the life of our Church. It is with this assurance of the Catholic Church's commitment to fidelity to the word of God that I would ask you to interpret any individual decision that may perhaps seem to run counter to that commitment.

He spoke also of pressing ahead "with the work we have begun in the sure hope that God, who has brought us so far, will lead us yet further".

These words ought to reassure Fr. Brinkman (May 18) as well as Christians from other Churches about the Holy Father's consistent and wholehearted commitment to the work for Christian unity. The reports may have been disquieting; what was actually said was bold and encouraging.

Yours faithfully,
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May 21.

Greek elections

From the Bishop of Repton

Sir, Your latest despatch from Athens (May 13) about the Greek general election mentions the personal attacks on Mr Mitsotakis, the leader of the opposition. Last week he was accused of collaborating with the Germans during the occupation. As this scandalous and ridiculous charge could affect the outcome of the election and since I know the facts better than anyone else, I would ask you to allow me to refute it.

I write as the former British liaison officer with the Cretan Resistance with whom Kosta Mitsotakis was working during the summer and autumn of 1944, until he was arrested by the Germans. Our work was dangerous and it has since been described as a suicide mission. It was to contact Germans who were hostile to Hitler and to persuade them either to desert, or to work for a mutiny and capitulation of their forces in Crete.

Kosta Mitsotakis was the chief agent in this work. At immense risk to himself and his family he introduced me to German officers and NCOs and at one time allowed me to stay in his house for several days. His courage, his intelligence and his knowledge of German were invaluable to us.

While engaged in this work with me he was arrested and imprisoned and his life was only saved through the efforts of Allied HQ in Cairo, who proved the respect in which he was held by exchanging him for a number of German officers who were our prisoners of war.

I can and I do totally refute the charge that he collaborated with the Germans and I reaffirm the admiration of his colleagues in the Resistance for his distinguished and courageous service.

Yours faithfully,
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May 14.

Centralized control of universities

From Mr Bruce Carrington and Mr Roy Haywood

Sir, One wonders whether the prejudices of Sir Keith Joseph, as expressed in his comments on the recent Green Paper, are truly representative of opinion on higher education. Certainly the Green Paper itself would appear to be premised upon a number of spurious assumptions about the relationship of education to the economy.

Over the years we have seen a concerted drive towards State control of education. This has often been justified by appeal to the rhetoric of cost-effectiveness and accountability. To date, this development has tended to have a greater impact on the schools, further-education colleges and public-sector institutions of higher education than on the universities. The autonomy and, indeed, the raison d'être of the universities are now the subject of similar scrutiny.

Since the publication of the first of the Black Papers on education schools have been blamed for a variety of social and economic problems, including the long-term decline of the British economy. The universities, it would seem, along with the schools, now provide a convenient scapegoat for such malaise.

As a result of, amongst other things, the growing influence of the Manpower Services Commission, there have been various attempts to impose a narrowly-conceived, pre-vocational curriculum upon the comprehensive schools. Underpinning such initiatives is an equation which does not balance.

Blame for youth unemployment is attributed to young people themselves and to their schools for failing to prepare them adequately for the exigencies of the labour market. Similarly, graduate unemployment is now being depicted as the fault of graduates themselves and their universities with their outmoded curricula biased towards the arts and humanities.

It is held that the skills and dispositions of many graduates are not only inappropriate but antipathetic to the world of work. In each of these cases the policy focuses narrowly on the labour-supply rather than on the labour-demand side of the equation. In the same way that the Government has sought to make schools and public-sector further and higher education institutions the skilling agencies of the economy, it now seeks to impose the same kind of vocational ethic on the universities.

Of course, universities have long offered vocational courses of many kinds, from medicine and law through to social work and teaching. But their statutes have ensured that they provide a balanced curriculum covering a wide range of disciplines. Now it would seem that these statutes will be disregarded as centralized control over the the university curriculum is implemented indirectly by bleeding them of funds.

Surely, in a civilized and democratic society, university autonomy must be safeguarded and universities should be conceived as having a wider role than that of handmaiden of industry and instrument of state.

Your faithfully,
BRUCE CARRINGTON,
ROY HAYWOOD,
University of Newcastle upon Tyne,
School of Education,
St Thomas Street,
Newcastle upon Tyne.
May 22.

From Mr Philip Kogan

Sir, On the day that Sir Keith Joseph announced a policy that seems bound to lead to the closure of some of our universities, Mr Leon Brittan announced his plan to build, as a matter of urgency, six more prisons.

Is this not wholly appropriate in a country that sends a smaller proportion of its able young people on to higher education, but produces more football hooligans, than any other comparable one?

Yours faithfully,
PHILIP KOGAN,
2 St Thomas Gardens, NW5.
May 22.

How to get to the heart of the matter

From Sir Charles Villiers

Sir, Your leading article on May 20 said: "The heart of the matter is still honest money, less government and managed change". Well, if there is less government, who is going to manage change? The reluctant managers and union leaders of Britain remain slow to do this, hence our long decline in world manufacturing markets, loss of market share at home and abroad and record unemployment.

Managers' "animal spirits" need encouragement, their plans need facilitating, their strategies steering and their remedial actions accelerating. Old-style intervention would be as bad as laissez-faire. Regulation is *OK if you have enough to regulate*, but Britain needs "more and better" of all the things we do and make and sell and serve and teach.

We need an extra dimension – collaboration for development between management, government, workforce, customers and schools. France, Germany, Japan and many other countries have, since World War II, done this to their advantage and to our disadvantage.

This is the alternative strategy. Why do so few in Britain seem to understand, let alone use, this dimension?

It would be no more difficult than winning a war, founding a welfare state or defeating inflation. As Churchill said, "the difficulties will speak for themselves".

Yours truly,
CHARLES VILLIERS,
65 Eaton Square, SW1.
May 21.

From Mr Julian David

Sir, Bernard Levin's polemic (May 21) against the Tory Party brings painfully to mind the moment when the scales fell from my own eyes and I began to doubt that Margaret Thatcher could do it. It was that moment when Sir Keith Joseph withdrew his proposals for cuts in grants for children of richer parents, in response to cries of rage, and also threats, from the shires.

As a probable victim, with three children at university age, I felt it obscene that those not only in employment, but handsomely so, should *not* make sacrifices in the great enterprise of reversing the national decline; when so much had been exacted, *in this cause*, from the unfortunate.

It was a heaven-sent chance for the Conservatives to cut the ground from under the feet of their opponents: to show themselves a truly national government standing for the decent, free and classless society which is certainly what motivates Mrs Thatcher, and which is the only thing which can rival Socialism as an idea.

Had they had an ounce of nobility of mind, or even true political wisdom, they would have taken it. At that moment they lost their moral credibility and with it the political initiative.

Why should anyone now vote for them? Except themselves, except themselves!

Yours etc.
JULIAN DAVID,
Luscombe,
Buckfastleigh, Devon.

Palestine assessment

From Professor Edward W. Said

Sir, Robert Fisk's feature "Who will speak for the Palestinians?" (May 16), falls somewhat below his usually high and scrupulous standards of reporting and analysis. Since the subject of his article is the current set of bargainings and haggling between Jordan, the PLO, Israel, and the US on the composition of a Jordanian-Palestinian negotiating team consequent upon the February 11 agreement between the PLO and Jordan, and since my name, along with that of others, has been mentioned in that context, it seems right, therefore, to set a few matters of fact straight.

In the first place Fisk is categorically wrong to say that I have "no great love for Arafat". I admire and respect the man as the first Palestinian leader of both national and international status ever to appear in our history. I attended the seventeenth meeting of the Palestine National Council (in Amman last November) expressly as an act of solidarity with him, and when, in December of 1983, he was encircled in Tripoli by Syrian troops and the Fatah dissidents, I publicly defended him (at considerable personal risk, I might add). I have much personal affection for him, although as an independent I have always reserved the right to criticize him and his policies within certain absolutely upheld limits.

In the second place, as for serving on a negotiating team, it should be noted that (a) no one has said anything to me about it, and (b) I wouldn't in any case accept such a, for me, ridiculously inappropriate assignment.

While it is true that no real consensus exists for the February 11 accord among the Palestinians, it should *not* be concluded that as a community we are dedicated to a peaceful and just settlement of our historic dispute with Israel. We *are*, as our repeated offers have made absolutely clear, especially when it is noted that no official Israeli position on a just peace with Palestinians as a national community has ever been recorded.

The real problem is that very few of us are stupid enough not to note the appallingly destructive policies and enmity towards us of the US and Israeli governments.

What is missing from Mr Fisk's analysis therefore is some assessment of the reasons for our current mood of pessimistic skepticism. Most of us, myself included, believe that with their refusal to accept even the principle of Palestinian self-representation, to say nothing of Palestinian self-determination, neither Israel nor the US is capable of convincing anyone, least of all us, that all the ridiculous comings and goings about who should speak for the Palestinians constitute anything more than a face-saving ploy to pretend that Israel and the US are doing something for peace.

Nothing could be further from the truth. To seek peace with the Palestinians is first, to speak with our only credible and legitimate representatives, the PLO, and second, to get on with it post-haste. The rest is, in my opinion, all wasted time and hot air.

Yours etc.
EDWARD W. SAID,
Columbia University in the City of New York,
Department of English and Comparative Literature,
419 Hamilton Hall,
New York,
NY10027.
May 17.

Britain and Libya

From Professor Paul Wilkinson

Sir, I wish to relate an experience concerning colleagues at my university which should stand as a warning to others who may be targets of a crude propaganda and disinformation campaign by the Libyan regime.

A number of my university colleagues accepted an invitation from the Libyan Government to visit the country and to see various aspects of its administration, economy and culture for themselves. It is apparent that several members of the party succumbed to the message of the regime to a remarkable degree. Witness the astonishing letter (May 10) to *The Times* by Dr James Thrower, of the Department of Religious Studies, and his colleague proposing the immediate re-establishment of normal diplomatic relations between Libya and the United Kingdom.

Their letter implies a blissful ignorance of the murder of WPC Fletcher by a gunman operating from the window of the Libyan People's Bureau in St James's Square. It completely ignores the evidence from Athens, Bonn and other cities of continuing activity by Gadaffi's murder squads hunting down exiled Libyan dissidents. How can democratic countries have "normal" relations with such a regime?

A bizarre example of Libyan disinformation stemming from the visit is an entry in the May 13 *Libyan News Bulletin* headed "Scottish university lecturer praises the Jamahiriya". It claims that a Dr John Forbade, Lecturer in the Department of Political Studies at this university, praised the brilliant success of the regime and its leader.

There is no lecturer of that name in the Department of Politics and International Relations, or in any other department of the university. One lecturer in my department did join the trip to Libya, but he is not an apologist for the Gadaffi regime and has been strongly critical of it in comments to colleagues and in a small departmental seminar following his return.

Colleagues in all other institutions of higher education should be on their guard against these crude attempts by the Gadaffi regime to use them to acquire some aura of acceptability and endorsement.

Yours sincerely,
PAUL WILKINSON,
University of Aberdeen,
Department of Politics and International Relations,
Edward Wright Building,
Old Aberdeen.
May 16.

ON THIS DAY

MAY 24 1797

The Nore mutiny (one of a number in 1797) arose from the demands of the seamen for improved pay, and better food and conditions. Some concessions were made by the Admiralty, but the mutineers rejected them. At the Nore they took over the gunboats and hoisted a red flag on the Sandwich, flag-ship of Vice-Admiral Charles Buckner, C-in-C Nore. As the ships passed the fort at Sheerness each of them fired a gun at it. The mutiny collapsed on June 14 when the leader, Richard Parker, was arrested; he with others was executed; several were flogged from ship to ship.

[NORE MUTINY]

We are extremely sorry to learn, by accounts received yesterday from *Sheerness*, that the mutinous spirit manifested by the crews of the several ships in that place, is not quieted. A few days ago, the sailors of the *Albion* took their boatswain, and carrying him about from ship to ship, treated him with a great deal of cruelty, in order to terrify officers of the same description in other ships.

On Saturday last as the *Impregnable* was passing down to the Nore, her crew compelled the seamen of every other ship they passed by to cheer them, and fired a shot at the *St. Fiorenzo* for having been tardy in complying with this mandate, which damaged and cut away some of her after rigging.

Several officers have been sent on shore by the seamen and not permitted to return to their ships; it is rather singular that among these are some very young Midshipmen, against whom it is difficult to conceive that any aversion could have been entertained. The seamen have not been guilty of any personal disrespect to their officers on board; they regularly perform the duties of the ship; but it is greatly to be lamented that even in indifferent matters they do not show that obedience which they formerly used to do.

The seamen and boats crews, when they go on shore carry large bunches of blue and pink ribbons in their hats, which are called the signals of defiance. A Delegate has been chosen in every ship at *Sheerness* and the *Nore*. They wear no mark of distinction whatsoever; but they sit in the stern sheets of the barge, and the sailors who man the barge, have round their hats, besides the ribbons already mentioned, a broad band of blue paper, with the following words marked upon it in gold letters – *Success to the Delegates of the Fleet*. From the top of the barges must have a red flag constantly flying, and the same parade is observed in rowing her as if there were Officers on board.

The flag of Admiral BUCKNER is not flying on board the *Sandwich*, owing to the mutinous behaviour of the different crews under his command.

As to the grievances of these persons, they only say that they want the LORDS of the ADMIRALTY to come down and pay them the same honours which were lately bestowed on the crews at St. Helens; and yesterday at noon they were anxiously expecting the arrival of Earl HOWE, to take the lead in this ceremony. It has been observed that in the general conduct of those men during the present mutiny, there is a degree of folly and insolent vanity, which was not perceived among the crew who mutinied at Spithead; and which leads us to hope that such unprovoked behaviour will meet the disapprobation of all the other ships companies and receive that speedy check and punishment which it so justly deserves.

Not a bawbee

From Miss Grace L. Durham

Sir, I refer to the letter (May 16) in which Mr Clark, Secretary of the National Association of Local Councils, contradicts points made in my letter of May 13 and implies that the 79 per cent increase in my rates is due to the 79 per cent increase in rates by Edinburgh District Council. It is pure coincidence that the figure of 79 per cent happens to apply in both cases.

I am astonished that the Secretary of the National Association of Local Councils did not realise that the Edinburgh District Council's poundage of 22.7p and an increase of 79 per cent applies only to 30.79 per cent of the total rates bill. Lothian Regional Council's poundage of 47.5p is 64.4 per cent of the total, and the water rate is 4.9 per cent.

The Conservative-controlled Lothian Regional Council has provided ratepayers with a formula by which the proportion of the increase in their rates bill caused by the revaluation factor alone can be calculated. According to that formula my bill is £244.50 more than last year due to revaluation alone; i.e. 37 per cent of my increased bill is due to revaluation.

Are you surprised that many people here are angry?

Yours sincerely,
GRACE L. DURHAM,
11 Forres Street, Edinburgh.

Janus effect

From Mr Jeffrey B. Golden

Sir, In response to Philip Howard's call (May 15) for double-edged auto-antonyms, how about "sanction", which means, at one and the same time, 1) the ratifying of an action approved of by an authority and 2) a punishment inflicted by an authority for action of which it disapproves.

Yours faithfully,
JEFFREY B. GOLDEN,
2 Honey Lane, Cheapside, EC2.

Of human bondage

From Mrs E. Ann Clemence

Sir, Mr Brian Hall enquires (May 21) to what use the regulation Post Office rubber band may be put.

They are of great value to lobster fishermen and their customers for the purpose of securing the claws of crabs and lobsters to (a) prevent them tearing each other to pieces and (b) prevent them taking pieces out of human fingers.

However, as our local Post Office would also appear to have little use for them, we are not at present in need of any more supplies.

Yours faithfully,
E. ANN CLEMENCE,
The Capstone Private Hotel,
St James' Place, Ilfracombe, Devon.

COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
May 23: The Prime Minister of Grenada and Mrs Blaize had the honour of being received by The Queen.

The Sultan of Oman visited Her Majesty today and remained to luncheon.

The Duke of Gloucester was present.

The Queen, attended by the Duchess of Grafton, Sir William Heseltine and Lieutenant-Colonel Blair Stewart-Wilson, left Euston Station in the Royal Train this evening for Cumbria.

The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips, Master of the Worshipful Company of Farriers, accompanied by Captain Mark Phillips, this evening attended the Annual Livery Dinner of the Worshipful Company of Loriners at the Mansion House.

Her Royal Highness and Captain Mark Phillips were received by the Right Hon the Lord Mayor (Sir Alan Traill).

Mrs Richard Carew Pole was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
May 23: The Prince of Wales this morning visited the Edward Lear Exhibition at the Royal Academy of Arts, Piccadilly, W1.

His Royal Highness, Colonel-in-Chief, The Parachute Regiment and Patron, the Friends of the Red Devils, this afternoon observed a parachute display by The Parachute Regiment Freefall Team "the Red Devils" at Kensington Palace.

Major Jack Stenhouse was in attendance.

The Princess of Wales this morning visited the Royal Brierly Crystal Factory, North Street, Brierly Hill, West Midlands.

In the afternoon Her Royal Highness visited the Crypt Association Ltd, 21 Temple Street, Wolverhampton.

The Princess of Wales, attended by Mrs George West and Lieutenant-Commander Peter Eberle, RN, travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

May 23: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, as Honorary Air Commodore, today visited Royal Air Force Coningsby, Lincolnshire.

Her Royal Highness, who travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight, was attended by Mrs Jane Stevens and Group Captain Marcus Wills.

YORK HOUSE
May 23: The Duchess of Kent arrived at RAF Northolt this evening from Bergen, Norway.

The Prince of Wales, Colonel-in-Chief, The Royal Regiment of Wales, will accept the freedom of the Borough of Dinefwr on behalf of the regiment on June 1. Later he will visit the 3rd and 4th (Volunteer) Battalions, Royal Regiment of Wales, training at Sennybridge, Powys.

The Duke of Edinburgh will launch the Cumbria Trust for Nature Conservation Appeal at Brockhole, Cumbria, on June 2 and also launch the Sunbird Special Project for Disabled Persons at White Cross Bay, Lake Windermere.

The Princess of Wales will launch HMS Cornwall at Yarrow Shipbuilders, Scotstoun, Glasgow, on June 3.

Princess Anne will open the extension to provide maritime education at Lowestoft College of Further Education and visit Stowmarket Family Centre on June 3.

A memorial service for David Clore will be held at the Marble Arch Synagogue, 32 Great Cumberland Place, W1, on Monday, June 3, 1985, at 6 pm.

A memorial service for Professor John Munro will be held at Holy Trinity Church, Prince Consort Road, South Kensington, at 1.30 today.



Flag exchange: To mark the strong American flavour of this season's Proms, Vernon Handley, who will conduct the last night, exchanged flags yesterday with the United States Cultural Attaché, Mrs Anne Collins. During a record 60 concerts, 22 works by 13 American composers will be heard at the Albert Hall this year, the 200th anniversary of diplomatic relations between the United States and Britain.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr D. W. J. Crone and Miss S. W. Highmore

The engagement is announced between David William Jervis, younger son of the late Mr W. P. Crone, FRCS, and of Dr A. A. Crone, of Headingley, Leeds, and Sarah Westcott, only daughter of Mr and Mrs D. D. J. Highmore, of Durward House, Wickham Bishops, Essex.

Mr D. G. Glasgow and Miss B. G. E. Watson

The engagement is announced between David, son of Mr and Mrs T. Glasgow, of Thames Ditton, Surrey and Bridget, second daughter of Mr and Mrs J. S. Watson, of Mickleham, Surrey.

Mr H. K. St C. MacKay and Miss S. L. Stacey

The engagement is announced between Hugh, son of Mr and Mrs D. A. MacKay, of Cuddesdon Manor, Oxfordshire, and Sarah, daughter of Major and Mrs G. C. Stacey, of Vasa, Kilaniou, Limassol, Cyprus.

Mr D. C. L. Miller and Miss J. M. Robotham

The engagement is announced between Charles, elder son of Mr and Mrs J. L. Miller, of Gerrards Cross, Buckinghamshire, and Jennifer, second daughter of Mr and Mrs J. O. M. Robotham, of Brailsford, Derbyshire.

Mr M. J. Morgan and Miss R. S. Jaggernauth

The engagement is announced between Mark, elder son of Mr and Mrs James Morgan, of Princess Court, Queensway, London, and Ria, daughter of Mr and Mrs Rai Jaggernauth, of San Fernando, Trinidad, West Indies.

Mr J. A. G. M. Rademaker and Miss A. L. Gibbs

The engagement is announced between Joost, elder son of De Heer and Mevrouw Rademaker-Teeuwen, of Dreumel, Holland, and Anne Lilian, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael J. Gibbs, of Cherry Tree Cottage, Yalding, Kent.

Mr P. F. Williams and Miss D. P. Tapp

The engagement is announced between Peter Frederick, only son of Mr and Mrs L. J. Williams, of Slough, Berkshire, and Diana Penelope, only daughter of the late Captain H. J. Tapp, RM, DSM, and of Mrs H. J. Tapp, of Ringmer, Sussex.

Mr D. K. Farmery and Miss M. C. Chambers

The engagement is announced between David, son of Dr and Mrs H. K. Farmery, of Epsom, Surrey, and Mary, daughter of Mr and Mrs G. W. Chambers, also of Epsom.

Mr A. R. Morris and Miss L. D. Corbin

The engagement is announced between Anthony Richard, elder son of Major and Mrs C. A. Morris, of Sherrington, Warminster, Wiltshire, and Lisa Denise Corbin, of Dallas, Texas, United States.

Mr M. Slater and Miss J. E. Coulson

The engagement is announced between Mark, youngest son of Mr and Mrs R. M. K. Slater, of Odiham, Hampshire, and Joanna Elisabeth, daughter of Dr and Mrs J. H. Coulson, of Woodside Park, London.

Dr R. F. Timms and Miss D. M. Gore

The engagement is announced between Roger, younger son of Mr and Mrs R. J. Timms, of Fleet, Hampshire, and Diana, daughter of Mr and Mrs J. N. Gore, of Farnborough, Hampshire.

Marriage

Lord Burghersh and Mrs C. E. Fairey

The marriage took place quietly in London yesterday of Lord Burghersh and Mrs Caroline Fairey.

Mr R. G. Plunkett-Ernle-Erle-Drax and Miss Z. V. Legge-Bourke

Princess Anne was present yesterday in the Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks, at the marriage of Mr Richard Plunkett-Ernle-Erle-Drax, Coldstream Guards, eldest son of Mr and the Hon Mrs Walter Plunkett-Ernle-Erle-Drax, of Charborough Park, Wareham, and Miss Zara Legge-Bourke, of Glanusk Park, Crickhowell. The Right Rev Victor Pike, the Rev Emlyn Griffiths and the Rev Neville Thomas took part in the service.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, wore a gown of silk organza and a veil held in place by a tiara. She carried a bouquet of stephanotis, freesias and orchids. The Hon Henry Broughton, Nicholas van Cutsem, Thomas Henderson, Zara Phillips, the Hon Miranda Chetwode, Eleanor Legge-Bourke, Emma Willoughby and Sarah Pilkington attended her. A guard of honour was formed by warrant officers and non-commissioned officers of the Coldstream Guards. Mr Jeremy Plunkett-Ernle-Erle-Drax, brother of the bridegroom, was best man.

A reception was held at St James's Palace and the honeymoon will be spent abroad.

Birthdays today

Mr Stanley Baxter, 59; the Duke of Bedford, 68; Sir Timothy Bevan, 58; Rear-Admiral Sir Kenneth Buckley, 81; Lord Campbell of Alloway, QC, 68; Sir Roden Cutler, VC, 69; Mr Bob Dylan, 44; Sir William Haley, 84; Dame Joan Hammond, 73; Mr Justice Hodgson, 68; Mr Clifford Irving, 71; Miss Siobhan McKenna, 62; Sir Cecil Mant, 79; Sir Edmund Sargant, 79; Mr Justice Staughton, 52; Mr William Trevor, 57; Mr Arnold Wesker, 53; Miss Mai Zetterling, 60.

Latest appointments

Latest appointments include:

Miss Betty Ward, aged 57, a nursing auxiliary at the Radcliffe Infirmary, Oxford, to be president of the National Union of Public Employees for the coming year. **Miss Joyce Winsett**, aged 53, a medical secretary at Barnsley District General Hospital, to be vice-president of the union.

To be Deputy Lieutenants for Mid Glamorgan: **Mr E. J. K. Rees, Lieutenant-Colonel H. B. Singer, Mr T. J. Mahoney**, and **Mr A. E. Mayer**.

Mr James Henderson, senior lecturer in forestry, Aberdeen University, to be president of the Royal Scottish Forestry Society in succession to Mr J. A. S. Watson.

Memorial Mass

Sir Eric Hallinan

Requiem Mass for Sir Eric Hallinan was celebrated by Father Godfrey Wilson at the Church of St Thomas of Canterbury, Fulham, yesterday. Mr Edward Hallinan, son, and Miss Matilda Ziegler, granddaughter, read the lessons. Among those present were:

Mrs Alan Cockburn-Smith (daughter), Mrs Edward Hallinan (daughter-in-law), Mr Dominic Ziegler and Miss Harriet Ziegler (grandchildren), Mrs Tim Hallinan, Miss Victoria Hallinan, Lady Hesketh, the Hon Victoria Watson, Admiral Sir William and Lady O'Brien, Mr Jock Cockburn-Smith, Mrs Richard Lindsell, Mr Kenneth Judd, Mrs R Woodroffe, Mrs J Matheson, Mr Gordon Bepp and Mr David Percival.

Service dinner

Honourable Artillery Company

Active officers of the Honourable Artillery Company dined at Armoury House last night. The Commanding Officer, Lieutenant-Colonel G. E. Godbold, was in the chair and the Colonel Commandant, General Sir Richard Trant, was also present. The guests included General Sir John Stainer, Lieutenant-General Sir John Akehurst, Major-General A. P. W. MacLellan, Major-General J. A. C. G. Eyre, Major-General J. H. Learmont, and Major-General C. E. W. Jones.

Ball

Royal Television Society

The Royal Television Society's annual Television Programme Awards for 1984/5 were presented by Sir Huw Wheldon, president of the society, at the annual ball held yesterday at Grosvenor House. Mr John Mortimer, QC, was the principal speaker at the dinner which preceded the awards ceremony.

Windlesham House School

To celebrate the 150th anniversary of Windlesham House School a second volume of the centenary history will be published. If anyone with memories of the school would like to contribute please write to: Mr and Mrs Charles Maiden, Windlesham House School, Washington, West Sussex.

Old boys and girls who have not been in touch with the school recently are requested to send their present address so that everyone can be informed about the 1987 celebrations.

Luncheons

Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem

The Apostolic Pro-Nuncio and the Duke of Norfolk, President of the Papal Knights in Great Britain, were speakers at a luncheon held at the Athenaeum yesterday when the Cross of Merit with Silver Star of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem was conferred on Mr Peter Bander van Duren by Mr Douglas Jenkins, a member of the Grand Magistry of the Vatican City State. Mr Colin Smythe presided.

Lunchtime Comment Club

General Sir Peter Whiteley was the guest speaker at a luncheon of the Lunchtime Comment Club held at the Connaught Rooms yesterday. The chairman, Mr Gordon Stroud, presided.

Receptions

Bentham House

A reception to mark the naming of the building of the Faculty of Laws, Bentham House, was held at University College London last night. A portrait of Mr Jeremy Bentham, which was presented to the faculty by the Bentham Club, was unveiled by Lord Rayne.

Among those present were:

The Provost, Sir James Lighthill, and Lady Lighthill, the Dean of the Faculty of Laws, Professor Jeffrey Jowell, and Mrs Jowell, the President of the Bentham Club, Professor Sir Jack Jacob, QC, and Lady Jacob, Mr George Pezzi-Ayrworthy, Chairman of the Bentham Club, and mother Pezzi-Ayrworthy, Lord Lloyd of Hampstead, QC, Mr Justice Bingham, Mrs Justice Booth, Mr Justice Gibson, Mr William Rodgers, Major-General I H Baker, Professor Sir Alfred and Lady Ayer, Lady Fox, Mr Ronald Middleton, Mr Leonard Sainer, Professor J H Burns, Professor G Burnstock, Professor Bin Cheng, Professor Stephen Cretney, Professor Aubrey Diamond, Professor and Mrs Ronald Dworkin, Professor Michael Freeman, Professor Denis Galligan, Professor L C B Gower, Professor M A Jones, Professor Ian Kennedy, Professor A P Mathias, Professor Sidney Prevezer, Professor E C Ryder, Professor Ernest Scammell, Professor Georg Schwarzenberger, Professor Martin Swales, Professor F M L Thompson, Professor W L Twining (Chairman of the Bentham Committee), Professor R Wilson, Professor Michael Zander, Dr John Dinwiddy, Dr Fred Rosen, (General Editor of the Collected Works of Jeremy Bentham"), Dr Bernad Hargrove, QC, Mr Peter Brown (Secretary of the British Academy), Mr Peter Jenkins, Mr Stephen Quest (Secretary to the Bentham Committee) and Mrs Guest.

Sino-British Trade Council

Sir Peter Matthews, President of the Sino-British Trade Council, was host at the annual reception held at the Chelsea Flower Show yesterday. The Chinese Ambassador and Mme Xie Heng were the guests of honour.

Mrs L. Leifland

The Swedish Ambassador and Mrs Leif were hosts at a reception held at the Science Museum yesterday when the Swedish decoration, Commander of the Royal Order of the Polar Star, was presented to Professor Thomas L. Johnston, Principal of Heriot-Watt University, Edinburgh.

Dinners

Royal Academy of Arts

Prince Michael of Kent, accompanied by Princess Michael of Kent who was the principal speaker, attended the annual dinner of the Royal Academy of Arts held at Burlington House last night. Mr Roger de Grey, PRA, presided and the other speakers were the Hon Peter Brooke, MP, and Mrs Shirley Williams. The Speaker and the Lord Mayor of Westminster attended.

Others present included:

The Soviet Ambassador, Mr Norman Adams, RA, Mr Craigie Aitchison, Lady Annan, Miss Francesca Annis, Sir Robert Armstrong, Sir Frederick Ashton, OM, CH, Mr John Aslaw, Miss Gillian Ayres, Miss Nancy Balmer, Professor J R Batchelor, Sir Robert Bellinger, Sir Isaiah Berlin, OM, Mr Peter Blake, RA, Mr Quentin Blake, Mr Norman Blamey, RA, Miss Sandra Blow, RA, Mr John Bowes Lyon, Mr Alan Bowness, Mr William Bowyer, RA, Mr Kingman Brewster, Mr Humphrey Brooke, Miss Anita Brookner, Mr Ralph Brown, RA, Mr Robert Buhler, RA, Mr John Bury, Professor H T Catbury-Brown, RA, Mr Mel Calman, Mr Jeffery Camp, RA, Mr Moran Capital, Sir Hugh Casson, CH, RA, and Lady Casson.

Miss Ann Christopher, Mr Robert Clatworthy, RA, Miss Jean Cooke, RA, Dr Neil Cossons, Mr John Cox, air Trenchard Cox, Mr Theo Crosby, Dame Sylvia Crowe, Mr Frederick Cuming, RA, Professor Trevor Dannatt, RA, Lady d'Avigdor-Goldsmid, Miss Jennifer Dickson, RA, Sir Phillip Dowson, Miss Joanna Drew, Mrs Vivien Duffield, Mr Bernard Dunstan, RA, Miss Maria Ewing, Mr Anthony Eyton, Mr Edward Ford, Lord Forte, Mr Norman Foster, Mr Donald Hamilton Fraser, Mr H Andrew Freath, RA, Mr Clement Freud, MP, Dame Elisabeth Frink, RA, Mr Albert Frost, Mr Bob Geldof, Mr Erno Goldfinger, RA, Professor Sir Ernst Gombrich, Sir Nicholas Goodison, Mr Frederick Gore, RA, Professor Sir Lawrence Gowing, Mr Anthony Green, RA, Mr Peter Greenham, RA, Professor E T Hall,

Sir Peter Hall, Mr Sydney Harpley, RA, Mr Lloyd Harrington, Professor Francis Hawkins, Professor Francis Haskell, Mr Colin Hayes RA, Dr John Hayes, Mr Walter Hayes, Mr Norman Hedges, RA, Miss Elizabeth Jane Howard, Mr Ken Howard, Mr John Hoyland, the Very Rev Walter Hussey, Mr Sidney Hutchison, Mr Elton John, Mr James Jolt, Mr Allen Jones, Mr Michael Kenny, Lord Kenyon, Professor Philip King, Mr R B Kitaj, Mr Bryan Kneale, RA, Mr James Larking, Miss Marghanita Laski, the Hon Mrs Leaham, Mr Ben Levene, Viscount Leverhulme, Mr Christopher Lucas, Mr Bill McAllister, Miss Sue MacGregor, Sir Brian Mackenna, Mr Leonard Manasseh, RA, Mr Michael Manser, Sir Leslie Martin, Mr Sydeny Mason, Miss Anna Massey

Mr Peter Miles, Sir Claus Moser, Mr Rodrigo Moynihan, RA, Miss Merie Park, Mr Norman Parkinson, Mr John Partridge, Mr Tom Phillips, Sir Robin Philipson, RA, Sir David Piper, the Earl of Plymouth, Professor Sir George Porter, Sir Philip Powell, CH, RA, Sir William Rees-Mogg, the Rev Donald Reeves, Sir Rex Richards, Lord Richardson of Duntisbourne, Mr Piers Rodgers, Mr Michael Rothenstein, RA, the Hon Jacob Rothschild, Sir Francis Sandilands, Mr William Scott, RA, Mr Will Soukop, RA, Mr Ruskin Spear, RA, Mr Ian Stephenson, Sir Jeffrey Sterling, Mr Jocelyn Stevens, Mr Norman Stevens, Miss Moira Stewart, Mr James Stirling, Mr Denys Sutton, Mr Phillip Sutton, Mr Patrick Symons, Mr David Tinde, RA, Mr John Ward, RA, Dr J S Watson, Professor Carol Weight, RA, Mrs Fay Weldon, Mr H Anthony Wheeler, Mr Anthony Whishaw, Mr Peter Wood, Sir John Woolf, Mr Henry Wrong, Miss Paula Yates, Mr Alan Yentob, and Lord Zuckerman, OM

Loriners' Company

Princess Anne, Master of the Farriers' Company, and Captain Mark Phillips, were present at the annual livery dinner of the Loriners' Company held at the Mansion House last night. The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, accompanied by the Sheriffs and their ladies, were the guests. Mr Douglas Hobday, Master, assisted by Mr Robert Bowman and Mr Walter Ellershaw, Wardens, and their ladies, received the guests. The Lord Mayor and Sir Colin Cole also spoke.

Lady Maclean

Lord Maclean, Lord High Commissioner to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, and Lady Maclean entertained at dinner at the Palace of Holyroodhouse last night. Mr Edward Heath, MP, was among those present.

Service luncheons

Army Board

General Sir John Stanier, Chief of the General Staff, was host at a luncheon given at Admiralty House, yesterday, by the Army Board of the Defence Council in honour of General Robert W Sennewald, Commanding General, United States Army Forces Command, and the 1985 Kermit Roosevelt Lecturer. Army Board Members present were General Sir Roland Guy, General Sir Richard Trant, Lieutenant-General Sir Richard Vincent, Mr John Bielloch and Mr Colin Fielding. The guests included:

Mr Michael Calingaert, Lieutenant-General Sir John Akehurst, Major-General Robert Bellrose, Major-General Richard Keightley, Major-General John MacMillan, Major-General Michael Matthews, Major-General John Simson, Dr John Gooch, Mr William Reid, and Colonel Michael Hostner and Colonel Robert Irving, of the United States Army.

The Royal Scots (The Royal Regiment)

The annual luncheon for officers of The Royal Scots (The Royal Regiment) and their ladies, was held, yesterday, at the Duke of York's HQ, Chelsea. Lieutenant-General Sir Robert Richardson, Colonel of the Regiment, presided.

Military Intelligence Directorate 1939-45

Major A. H. Bishop presided at the annual reunion luncheon of the Military Intelligence Directorate 1939-45 held at the Intelligence Corps HQ, Handel Street, yesterday. Rear-Admiral T. M. Bevan was the guest of honour.

Sale room

Victorian painting sets record £984,436

By Geraldine Norman
Sale Room Correspondent

The collection of Orientalist paintings formed by David B. Chalmers, chairman of Coral Petroleum, made £5.5 million at Sotheby's New York on Wednesday night.

Sotheby's had been hoping for £6 million but the sale set 13 auction records for individual artists. At £984,436, a J. F. Lewis became the most expensive Victorian painting sold at auction.

The collapse of Coral Petroleum, once one of the richest companies in America, brought the collection to Sotheby's. The instruction was clearly to "sell" without bothering too much about reserves. Only 1 per cent was unsold.

The J. F. Lewis, a harem scene glittering with silks and flowers, is entitled "An intercepted correspondence, Cairo" and dated 1869. It set an auction record of £242,500 for the artist in 1979 at Christie's in London, but this time Sotheby's had published an estimate of $1 million to $1.5 million; it made $1,265,000.

A brilliant Gerome of a muezzin in a minaret with an extended view of Cairo in the background set a record for the great French academician at $400,000 (estimate $350,000 to $450,000), or £342,412, and Gustav Bauernfeind's "Market in Jaffa" made $352,000 (estimate $150,000 to $200,000), or £273,930, to London's Mathaf Gallery.

In London Sotheby's most sensational offering was a diamond riviere necklace given by George IV to his mistress, Elizabeth, Lady Conyngham, which sold for £148,500 (estimate £100,000 to £150,000) to S J Phillips, the Bond Street dealers.

Lady Conyngham was said by a contemporary to have "sent away two waggon loads of jewellery, plate etc" from the castle during the king's last illness. The necklace was sent for sale by Lord Conyngham. It featured in a jewel sale totalling £1.5 million, with 12 per cent unsold.

In Paris on Wednesday the manuscript of a lecture given by General de Gaulle at Oxford in November 1941 was sold for 240,000 francs, or £20,000, to the Musée de la Libération in Paris.

The general analysed the differences and similarities between the French and British peoples and forecast their future union in a great victory. The manuscript, entirely in his hand, is 18 pages long. Another 19-page address given in the Albert Hall in 1942 sold for 160,000 francs, or £13,333.

The Boisgirade sale of manuscripts also contained an edited typescript of George Simenon's novel, *Le Coup de Lune*, of 1933, which sold for 165,000 francs, or £13,750. The manuscript of François Mauriac's *Genitrix* of 1923 made the same price and was pre-empted by the State on behalf of the city library in Bordeaux.

In another Paris saleroom, Versailles pre-empted a large oil sketch by Jean Jouvenet for an oil painting on one wall of the chateau's royal chapel. It costs 280,000 francs, or £23,333. A Lorenzo Lotto panel of the Holy Family secured 1.65 million francs, or £137,500.

Sotheby's silver sale in London yesterday made £633,941, with 8 per cent unsold, and Christie's auction of Chinese ceramics and works of art made £190,576 with 36 per cent unsold. The flooding of the market with archaeological treasures smuggled out of China seems still to be affecting prices.

University news

London

The following have been elected to the fellowship of Imperial College: Emeritus Professor J. H. Argyris, emeritus professor, Imperial College and University of Stuttgart; Mr John L. Egan, chairman and chief executive, Jaguar Cars; Lord Carr of Hadley, chairman, Prudential Corporation and Prudential Assurance Company; Mr H. M. Neal, chairman, City of Guilds of London Institute; Professor Sir Randolph Quirk, vice-chancellor, London University; Emeritus Professor J. Sutton, FRS, senior research fellow, Centre for Environmental Technology at Imperial College.

Latest wills

Sir Arthur John Grattan-Bellew, QC, of Henham, Essex, Chief Secretary of Tanganyika, 1956-59, left estate valued at £189,475 net.

Mr Cyril Charles Brooke Rice, of Bexhill-on-Sea, East Sussex, left £324,819 net. After various bequests and effects he left his antique furniture, other effects and one fifth of the residue to the National Trust, and one fifth of the residue each to the Society of Sussex Downsmen, Hove, the RSPB, the Council for the Protection of Rural England, and the Old Whitgiftian Benevolent Association, South Croydon.

Miss Evelyn Elizabeth Lawton, of Findon, West Sussex, left £101,794. After personal bequests totalling £32,000, she left the residue to St Columba's United Reformed Church, Worthing.

Other bequests include (net, before tax paid):

Bennell, Mr Maxwell John, of Edmonton, London £383,796
Bindloss, Mrs Marjorie, of Bardsey, West Yorkshire £413,260
Bown, Mr Metford Arthur, of West Pennard, Somerset £387,417
Harley, Mr William, of Chelsea, London, mining engineer £323,453
Horbury, Mrs Olive Emma, of Cooden, East Sussex, chartered secretary £337,264
Murray, Mrs Anne, of Salcombe, Devon £648,027

Science report

Smallpox case puzzles US doctors

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

Five years after the World Health Organization declared that smallpox had been eradicated from the world, an American girl aged 15 from Wisconsin has contracted the disease. The circumstances have caused some concern in the United States among doctors specializing in infectious diseases.

According to a report on the case in the *Journal of the American Medical Association* the patient was infected through contact with her boy friend, a member of the Wisconsin National Guard. He was among thousands of American soldiers who had been given smallpox jabs.

Smallpox vaccine is recommended by the World Health Organization only for the few laboratory workers who might come in contact with the virus, which is kept for research purposes. Yet the United States Department of Defence still routinely vaccinates personnel on active duty and members of the National Guard and reserves, and repeats the immunization every five years.

The reason for the practice is that American chiefs of staff believe that the Russians could use the smallpox virus as a biological weapon in the event of war. What evience they have for such a conviction is not clear.

According to the journal's account, the girl acquired the disease while applying compresses to ease the discomfort of her boy friend's arm after he had been vaccinated. Even allowing for a severe reaction in a person who had not been vaccinated previously, there should be no reason to expect smallpox symptoms to be stimulated in a contact.

Fortunately, the girl's illness was relatively mild and short-lived, developing mainly as an ulcerated lesion of her upper lip.

After treatment with trifluridine, oral erythromycin, an application of neosporin to the skin and a preparation called vaccinia immune globulin, which was devised to protect contacts of smallpox victims and to guard against complications in smallpox, the girl recovered.

However, the doctors said in their report that her condition could have been much more serious.

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OBITUARY

SIR ALISTER HARDY

Zoologist and religious thinker

Professor Sir Alister Hardy, FRS, who died yesterday at the age of 88, was Linacre Professor of Zoology at Oxford from 1946 to 1961, and after his retirement from the chair became founder and director of Religious Experience Research Unit, later named the Alister Hardy Research Unit, at Manchester College, Oxford.

Born in Nottingham on February 10, 1896, Alister Clavering Hardy was the youngest son of the late Richard Hardy, was educated at Oundle and went up to Exeter College, Oxford, in 1914, only to volunteer in 1915. After becoming Assistant Camouflage officer to the 13th Army Corps in 1918, he returned to Oxford in 1919 and graduated with distinction in 1921, when he was appointed Assistant Naturalist at the Fisheries Laboratory in Lowestoft.

In 1924, he was selected as Chief Zoologist on the first of the Colonial Office's "Discovery" expeditions, planned to investigate the southern whale fisheries and the biology and hydrography of the Antarctic. He returned in 1927, with innumerable data and many ideas, to be secured almost immediately as the first Professor of Zoology in the newly founded University College of Hull.

There he initiated single-handed both a first-year and an honours zoology course, meanwhile incubating a unique research project, based on his Continuous Plankton Recorder, which led to the opening in 1931 of a joint Department of Zoology and Oceanography. His aim was to provide, frequently and regularly, detailed charts of the distribution of plankton in the North Sea and adjacent waters, and to investigate more precisely the relations between the plankton and the commercial fish which ultimately depend on it.

Hardy remained at Hull, seeing his plankton programme gradually extended from the southern North Sea to Iceland before the war closed it down, until in 1942 when he was appointed to the Regius Chair of Natural History at Aberdeen, only to be invited in 1945 to become Linacre Professor in his beloved Oxford.

Clues to much of Hardy's work are seen in his now classical diagram drawn at Lowestoft, of the ecological network radiating round the successive life stages of the herring. From it stemmed his plankton studies in the Antarctic, his stimulating theories of "animal exclusion", and his very practical ideas about plankton distribution and migration which were fundamental to the work initiated at Hull, which he saw extended over the whole North Atlantic, as Honorary Director until 1972 while professionally concerned with many other matters.

Closely related were his pioneer investigations of the insect populations of air masses, the "aerial" plankton. Strong imagination, controlled by observation, characterised all his work, as in his fascinating speculations about early man. Reference must also be made to his skill as a water-colour painter and designer and his great love of ballooning.

But power to stimulate, along with enthusiasm and intense loyalty, were perhaps his chief attributes. Students, army colleagues, fishermen, fellow scientists and a wide range of friends, acquaintances and readers all over the world pay tribute to this.

Yet another characteristic is that Hardy never really retired. Withdrawing from his Linacre Chair in 1961, he became Director of Field Studies Oxford for two years, and then at the age of 67 became Founder and Director of the Religious Experience Research Unit.

Deeply religious since early childhood Hardy aimed to bring about a reconciliation between Darwin's theories of evolution and his own conviction that religious experience was a 'biological fact' quantifiable by scientific methods. Thus, during his years at the Religious Experience Research Unit his chief project was to accumulate and analyse personal accounts of encounters with the divine. And he built up a great body of evidence of religious experience including 5,000 case histories of individuals claiming awareness of extraordinary influences, presences or powers in their lives.

Though Hardy's work was likened by the late Philip Toynbee to "trying to catch an angel in his butterfly net," Hardy denied that his studies actually attempted to prove the existence of God.

Hardy developed his ideas in the Gifford Lectures which he gave at Aberdeen in 1963-65, later published as *The Living Stream* and *The Divine Flame*. In *The Biology of God* and *Darwin and the Spirit of Man* he probed individual and social experience of consciousness; and in *The Spiritual Nature of Man* he set out some of his initial research into religious experiences.

Hardy was a Fellow of Merton College and an Honorary Fellow of Exeter College. He was elected FRS in 1942 and knighted in 1957. Earlier this month he was awarded the $185,000 Templeton Prize for Progress in Religion.

He married in 1927, Sylvia Lucy, daughter of Professor Walter Garstang, who survives him, together with a son and a daughter.

MR NIGEL HENDERSON

Nigel Henderson, who died on May 15 was an artist interested in too many things and talented in too many different directions ever to be pigeonholed in quite the way that brings fame and critical favour. When he had a show at the Serpentine Gallery in 1983, it came as a surprise to most of those who should have been most familiar with his work.

He was born in 1917, and educated at Stowe. He then took up painting and photography, and achieved some precocious reputation with his collages.

More practically, he worked from 1936 to 1939 as an assistant picture restorer at the National Gallery. He also met Duchamp and Tanguy in Paris, and moved for a while on the fringes of the Surrealist movement in France and the surviving Bloomsbury group in this country.

With the war, he became a pilot in RAF Coastal Command, and only when demobbed did he take up art again, this time studying more conventionally at the Slade. At this stage he was known and shown primarily as a documentary photographer, producing in 1949-52 a memorable series of images of East End life.

He moved to Essex in 1952, where he continued to paint and produce photo journalism while teaching creative photography on and off at the Central School.

During the 1950s he was, with his school contemporaries Eduardo Paolozzi and Richard Hamilton one of the founders of the Independent Group, widely considered an important precursor of Pop Art in England. But otherwise he retired into relative obscurity for some years, concentrating on teaching (in Norwich from 1965).

In the later 1970s he emerged again, with shows at Athony d'Offay in London and Kettles Yard in Cambridge, and subsequently had several showings in Norwich and the 1983 Serpentine show in London. This consisted of paintings and photo pieces based, as the title, "Head-Lands" implies, on images of heads and curious evocations of landscape, real and imagined.

A jolly, relaxed-seeming man, Henderson took his art as it came, and seemed relatively unconcerned with fame and fortune, but this recent London tribute to the fact he was still there, was received with evident pleasure.

PROF STEWART DEAS

Professor Stewart Deas, who died on May 18, aged 81, was Professor of Music in the University of Sheffield from 1948 to 1968.

A graduate of Edinburgh and a pupil of Tovey and Weingartner, he was a conductor of some distinction, and made occasional appearances as guest conductor with several of the major orchestras.

Before going to Sheffield he had been the distinguished music critic to *The Scotsman* from 1939 to 1948, and he later had a regular music page in *Country Life*. He had also been conductor of the Edinburgh Opera Company and was for three years Professor of Music at the University of Capetown.

At Sheffield he was responsible for the founding of the Sheffield Bach Society in 1950, and also of the Sheffield Chamber Orchestra. Both these organisations continue to play an active part in Sheffield's musical life.

MR PENN NOUTH

Mr Penn Nouth, who died in Paris on May 18 at the age of 80, served on several occasions as Prime Minister of Cambodia between 1948 and 1969, and was a close adviser of Prince Sihanouk when the Prince was in the ascendant.

Nouth was an official in the French colonial service before the Second World War, and was appointed acting Minister of Finance in 1945. From 1946 to 1948 he was governor of Phnom Penh, and in 1948 he became Prime Minister for the first time.

In subsequent years he was Prime Minister on several occasions, includig a term from 1952 to 1955, during which the Geneva conference on Indo-China took place. He was closely associated with Sihanouk's policy of neutrality, and broke with him in the 1970s when Sihanouk decided to ally himself with the Khmers Rouges.

Mr Samuel Leslie Bibby, CBE, who died on May 2 at the age of 88, was senior partner of the Stock Exchange jobbing firm of J. T. Lee, and was appointed Deputy Lieutenant of Surrey in 1955.

Sir George Duntze, Bt, CMG, who died on May 20 at the age of 71, was a Provincial Commissioner in Uganda from 1952 to 1961.

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THE ARTS

Television

Looking for kicks

Kick-boxing enjoys the support in Thailand that soccer attracts here, indeed one glimpses versions of it on our own terraces from time to time. BBC2's Global Report was last night concerned with the real thing. It re-enacted, with the actual people involved, the attempt of a 17-year-old boy to escape the poverty of his village and find fame and fortune in the boxing camps of Bangkok.

Hundreds of Thais follow this route every year to live what appears to be an arduous life preparing to thump or be thumped. Our hero, as is the custom, had changed his name for his career from Dork Or to Khun Or which, we were told, means "the reed that bends but does not break".

He had trained from being a small boy and was taken in as suitable material by a tough camp boss. Seven wins in a row made him think he was on the way up. Then came defeat, disillusion and hard words about his martial commitment from the boss.

Khun Or, homesick anyway, went back to his village. In Bangkok, he reflected, it was what was in the pocket that counted; at home, in the north-east, it was what was in the heart.

Certainly he was warmly welcomed but found his father, unable to make enough money on the land, working as a casual labourer in a bauxite mine and drinking more than was good for him or the family.

Before long, Khun Or was back in Bankok, under the same hard taskmaster. When he left him he was doing better but, I understand, has since had bad luck again and returned once more to his village, maybe to repeat the cycle later.

The writer, David Holman, and the director, David Wallace, made an interesting job of this film. The Thais, extraordinarily cheerful given their circumstances, played their parts convincingly. The close family relationships came over strongly and the photography was excellent. But, by virtue of the concentration on one boy, we did not learn much about the casualties and careers of Thai boxers or their exploitation.

Dennis Hackett

Cinema

A rare talent for suspending disbelief

Witness (15)
Plaza

Old Enough (PG)
Academy

The Chain (PG)
Odeon Haymarket

Wild Geese II (15)
Warner



Farewell to the Amish: Harrison Ford with Lukas Haas in *Witness*

Peter Weir's Witness was noticed a couple of weeks ago from Cannes, where its professional assurance and narrative dash (in marked contrast to so many of the films on show) made a lively opening to the festival. A lot of the film's attraction lies in the novelty of its setting, among the Amish, a fundamentalist agrarian sect in Pennsylvania. The descendants of eighteenth-century Swiss Anabaptist settlers, the Amish resolutely seclude themselves from the taints of twentieth-century technology and morality.

It would be incautious to examine too closely the ethnographical accuracy of Weir's picture of the community: to ask, for example, whether a young Amish widow would so unconcernedly take a train journey; or whether she would permit her small son to wander the Philadelphia rail terminus and visit the men's room unaccompanied. That, however, is the crux of the story: in the men's room the child witnesses a brutal murder, escapes (again with a degree of guile unexpected in someone not brought up on television crime series) and becomes the principal witness in an investigation which turns out to involve high-level and lethally high-powered police corruption.

The clean cop in charge of the investigation (Harrison Ford) recognizes that he and the child are both marks for the villains, and hides out with the Amish. This brings Weir to the theme that mainly interests him and links *Witness* to his Australian films, *The Last Wave* and *Gallipoli* – the clash and uneasy reconciliation of opposed cultures. The opposition does not work so convincingly here: the crime story is too dramatic and too dramatized (the arrival of the villains in the Amish village is pastiche of *High Noon*); and the attraction of the cop and the gentle Amish widow is at best unlikely, despite the pleasant playing of Harrison Ford and Kelly McGillis.

Weir though is such a persuasive story-teller that it is only afterwards that you begin to question; he has a rare skill for suspense and suspension of disbelief. He exercises his particular gift for atmosphere in evoking the gentle and yet earthy life of the Amish, and the virtuoso sequence of a barn-raising is mounted like a number in a musical.

Old Enough is also about culture clash, in the friendship of two girls in early adolescence. One is a quiet child from an upper-class home, the other a flashy-dressing, precocious minx with a blue-collar background and a brother who is the Don Juan and social leader of their neighbourhood. Each girl is fascinated by the other, but their friendship is always threatened by the tensions of social difference.

Even when the situations are most predictable (the West Side girl's humiliations at a debby-set party for instance), they are retrieved by freshness and vitality, particularly in the untrained, unspoiled performance of the two girls, Sarah Boyd and Rainbow Harvest. The brother is played with an aggressive charm by Neill Barry, and the blue-collar father by Danny Aiello, the overweight singing Lothario of Woody Allen's *Broadway Danny Rose*.

Dina and Marisa Silver, respectively producer and writer-director of *Old Enough*, are the daughters of Joan Micklin Silver, the director of *Hester Street*; and the film does credit to the Utah Sundance Institute for Independent Film-Makers, set up by Robert Redford to support small independent production of this kind. The film has assurance and good looks (to which Michael Ballhaus, Fassbinder's favourite cameraman, has largely contributed) which betray no sign of limited resources.

The Chain, rather in the style of the early René Clair musicals, is a formal, artificial confection made in terms of familiar realism. It is, in fact, a *La Ronde* of the house-removal business. Seven parties (variously if vaguely symbolizing the Deadly Sins) are on the move, each mounting a rung of the London social-residential ladder in a way possible only in the finely stratified society of Britain.

Hackney is miving to Tufnell Park, Tufnell Park to Willesden, and so along the chain to Hammersmith, Hampstead, Holland Park and Knightsbridge. A pure device makes the final link from Knightsbridge back to Hackney; and as a kind of speechless chorus there is an old bag-lady untroubled by the traumas of flitting, since her only home is a plastic sheet and a few copies of the *Christian Science Monitor*.

This engaging, playful and original conceit is written by Jack Rosenthal, who has a wickedly accurate ear for class idioms of speech, directed by Jack Gold, who is always best when he can deal with indigenous English themes and people, and cleverly cast from the national wealth of character players. Denis Lawson is an archetypal Sloth, Nigel Hawthorne a lovably odious Avarice and Judy Parfitt is Pride, with a house on the edge of Belgravia, a pedigree kitten called Princess Di and a new Bentley called Maggie. Warren Mitchell almost persuades belief in the philosophical foreman. Behind the fun too there are hints of the darker sides of London life, like bag-people and uneasy racial relationships.

It is hard to imagine any less attractive heroes than mercenaries; but Wild Geese II asks us to admire the cheerfully murderous adventures of two of them, played by grim and wiry Scott Glenn and flippant Edward Fox. "I have lost count of the number of lives this operation has cost", says Glenn at the end; "nineteen at least". If he cannot keep count, why should we?

The operation on which they are engaged is even more senseless than usual in this kind of film: the agents are hired to kidnap Rudolf Hess for an American talk show. The Russians, devious as ever, seem to have two rival sets of agents on the same mission; and to add to the menace and confusion there are Palestinians, urban terrorists and the odd IRA maverick. The rate of carnage leaves little time to trouble over sense, however. It is only sad to see Laurence Olivier hiring himself out to play the prisoner of Spandau. The film is efficiently directed by Peter Hunt; the cliché-ridden script is by Reginald Rose from a book by Daniel Carney.

David Robinson

Theatre

The Corn is Green
Old Vic



Deborah Kerr: like the colonel's lady

Progenitor of Wesker's *Roots* and *Educating Rita*, Emlyn Williams's fable of a Welsh boy's escape to Oxford from a life down the pits is one of the pre-war West End's few contributions to the debate on social justice. Kept alive mainly by radio revivals, it is a much-loved piece, and its return to the London stage is an overdue and welcome event.

First performed in 1938, *The Corn is Green* exudes a simple belief in the virtues of orthodox education which writers of our own time would find it hard to echo. When the iron-willed Miss Moffat detects imaginative talent in the illiterate Morgan, her unquestioning response is to cram him with French, Greek and history and shoot him off to the university in the hope of turning him into a statesman. She has no qualms about killing off his imagination in the process; nor of exiling him from his own people; nor of respecting the indigenous culture of the Welsh valleys.

To make those points is not to criticize the play, which draws firm limits around her character and presents it as a product of the feminist 1890s. Also the action develops partly from her failure to acknowledge Morgan as anything more than an intelligence for her to work on; and, in that sense, the play is as much an educational experience for her as it is for him. In the end, she is left holding his baby, who will need something more than daily indoctrination in irregular verbs.

If there is a weak part it is that of Morgan himself. Agate, reviewing Emlyn Williams in the role, said it convinced him that he was in the presence of a genius. It is hard to imagine on what evidence, as the play takes a two-year jump over the learning process and shows the taciturn pupil smothered in pit-dust transformed into a nicely-spoken scholar who knows how to pay his polite respects to the Squire. Even when it comes to the baby and the prospect of a disastrous marriage, he shows none of the selfishness of genius but springs to his feet to do the conventionally virtuous thing.

The play as a whole shifts between fairy-tale idealism and brutal reality in a way that continually takes you by surprise. The device, for instance, of introducing a resident seductress into the school household, to ensnare the hero into captivity, is barefaced melodrama. But when you come to the character herself, the sweet-eating Bessie (Imelda Staunton) with her psychosomatic ailments, her talent for infantile tantrums and her instinctive revulsion to education as if it were rice pudding, she is no more melodramatic than a shower of hail. "I don't like her, never have", snaps her mother (Bridget Turner), as the other half of a notable double act. On the sidelines, Williams also hits off equally down-to-earth portraits of the gloomy old Baptist (William Thomas) and the maiden lady (Elizabeth Counsell) whom Miss Moffat recruits into her academy.

Frith Banbury's production excels in its minor characters and in group scenes (set in the cramped confines of Alan Tagg's book-lined cottage living room), with echoes of *Milk Wood* drifting from the elder pupils. The central partnership, however, does not arouse the feelings which brought lumps even to the throat of Agate.

George Winter's Morgan radiates upward mobility almost from the start, so as to leave you thinking more of the mates he is leaving behind than of his own dazzling future. Deborah Kerr plays Miss Moffat in strict obedience to its cool, aloof outline, but with none of the irony, mischief and intellectual exhilaration that should fill it in. Coming across terms like "tip-top", "go to Halifax" and "Gosh", which should identify the character as a jolly good sport on Fabian weekends, she italicizes them as foreign to her normal speech; and when she greets the Squire at her humble door it is in the manner of a colonel's lady.

Irving Wardle

Concerts

LCS/Mackerras
Festival Hall

Wisdom led the London Choral Society on Wednesday to *Solomon* for their Handel tercentenary outing, and to Sir Charles Mackerras to conduct them in it. Quite as much as *Xerxes* recently at the Coliseum, this is a score that profits from a grandeur that has its roots in fresh, natural sound: on Wednesday there seemed often to be something green and woody at the base of the architecture, and not only in the several pastoral numbers. By disciplining the choir into ardent unanimity, Sir Charles secured a balance that allowed the woodwind of the English Chamber Orchestra to speak as soloists, and that did not obscure the tonal variety of the strings. They could even be held back safely almost to a rustle, offering an image of the "zephyrs, soft-breathing" in the final chorus of the first act.

It is not just at such moments that this work seems to stop still in a golden-age afternoon. *Solomon* is among the least dramatic of the oratorios, consisting as it does of two celebratory masques around a setting of the disputed-baby story that avoids realism except in its depiction of the true mother's feelings. Everything is serenity, unclouded by any irony when a soprano and a mezzo have to sing one of Handel's most erotic duets, helped by an anonymous libretto cunningly contrived with cross-references of sound and meaning.

Here, in defence to modern insistence on some degree of plausibility, the part of Solomon was sung by Paul Esswood, though his tone is so radiant and finely focused as to be on the verge of the androgyne. He used it here with an artistry that made all his pronouncements seem important. True, he had much of the best solo music, but there are also passages that needed his conviction to bring them alive.

Philip Langridge had less luck with the generally uninteresting role of Zadok, and Petteri Salomaa was unfortunate to be making his British début in the Levite's two boring arias: his lyric bass declined to come very far forward. The rival mothers, and in the outer acts alternative queens, were Margaret Marshall and Isobel Buchanan, who were respectively plaintive and saucy yet both quite lovely in the judgement trio.

Paul Griffiths

Academy of London/ Stamp
Queen Elizabeth Hall

Apparently the one wholly new American orchestral work to be premiered here during the present American Festival is Donald Erb's Clarinet Concerto, which Richard Stolzman played on Wednesday: it was funded not by our Arts Council but by the USA National Endowment for the Arts.

Erb is a concerto composer of almost Hindemith-like comprehensiveness: he has already written an effective Trombone Concerto, and the mind boggles at the thought of his Contrabassoon Concerto, to be premiered in Atlanta. He knows how to exploit a soloist's personality, and how to set it off against the orchestra.

But the results can appear more factitious than felt. The Clarinet Concerto makes the most of Stoltzman's undoubted exuberance and brilliance: there are plenty of typical clarinet whooshes, and strong contrasts between noisy activity in the orchestra and still, meditative lines for the soloist. On a first hearing, however, it all seemed slightly too clever.

The piece lasts 18 minutes; there are three linked sections, and the rather too easy violence of the contrasts is felt right from the start – a low, quiet major third issuing forth in a sort of primordial scream. There are several ingenious effects (violins play with pencils instead of the wood of the bow which most other composers are happy with) and there is a contribution from a cassette recorder which I completely missed.

The best writing for clarinet comes in the first section's cadenza (which includes a demonstration of Stoltzman's ability to play two notes at once), and this dissolves into the mistily atmospheric central section. Another heavy pedal launches the third section, where a jazzy array of percussion drives the music along, though here too there are reflecive (and rather more attractive) quiet interludes.

Richard Stoltzman played the extremely demanding solo part with evident commitment and enjoyment, and the Academy of London seemed to be at home in the extravagances of the orchestral writing. It was very good to hear also some Henry Cowell, music by a real American original, though these *Hymns and Fuguing Tunes* represent the less adventurous side of his nature. Richard Stamp's conducting was overfussy.

Nicholas Kenyon

Hickox Singers
Spitalfields Festival

Even as Alessandro Scarlatti composed his 1720 *St Cecilia Mass* in Rome, Hawksmoor was building his masterpiece, Christ Church, in Spitalfields. The two contemporaries, music and building, were brought together by the Spitalfields Festival's opening concert. They presented an intriguing contrast.

Whereas Christ Church, still a million pounds away from complete restoration, is currently a soaring edifice reduced to fairly bare essentials, Scarlatti's Mass seems to be mostly flesh and little bone. Its busy superstructure – playful weavings of solo voices and vigorous *violin lines – and its occasional* deferential nod at contrapuntal solemnities of an earlier epoch mask a conception of the Mass that sounds at best worldly, at worst insensitive. The Kyrie's plea for mercy inspires Scarlatti to the same untroubled jauntiness as the Gloria's rejoicings or the Credo's dogma; and his Crucifixus could be the jolliest ever penned.

Even so, Richard Hickox's interpretation of this succession of short movements was rather one-paced and – until a magical diminuendo during the Agnus Dei – confined mostly to one dynamic level. A more temperamental director might have found anguish in the dissonances of the Qui tollis, or rushed the Gloria more spectacularly towards its conclusion. A more scholarly soul might have treated with greater consistency Scarlatti's vague indications of dotted rhythms.

Nevertheless the Hickox Singers and the City of London Sinfonia gave an alert, well-tuned performance which demonstrated the sheer musical inventiveness of Scarlatti's score, whatever its religious flimsiness. Drawing soloists from the choir's ranks suited the music's free-wheeling textural contrasts, but some of the florid and prolonged passage-work made virtuoso demands that were not always met.

The choral demands of the *St Cecilia Mass*, however, pale beside the ferocious requirements of Handel's *Dixit Dominus*, which piles one monumental fugue on another and presents the chorus sopranos with a succession of top B flats. It was a challenge to which the singers responded avidly; and here Hickox did complement Handel's *tour de force* of word-painting with some effective dynamic shading.

Richard Morrison

Opera

Lucia di Lammermoor
Covent Garden

The splendour has long ceased to fall on the castle walls of the Royal Opera's Lammermoor. Now that Sutherland and Bonynge have flown, and the opera lurches to its final two cast-change performances, the coat of old varnish on its Scottish baronial canvas grows ever thicker and more cracked.

Reviewing *Lucia* first time round on this page, John Higgins commented that Dame Joan had grown into the role: perhaps one day Lucia Aliberti will too. She has sung the part in Berlin and Milan and plans future Lucias in Cologne and New York; her début with the Royal Opera showed there is still a long way to go.

Hers is a marron glacé of a soprano: dark-tinted, rich, opaque and, alas, all too inclined to stick to the underside of Donizetti's ever-mobile vocal lines, impeding their emotional volatility. Sighs and exclamations ring out, but stop in their tracks; top notes find their mark but are disturbingly harshly dug in.

To what is an unbelievably turgid stop-go staging, John Barker now adds his relentlessly metrical, overweight direction in the pit. With equally stolid performances from the new Raimondo (Roberto Scandiuzzi) and Arturo (Robin Leggate), it is only when Luis Lima as the new Edgardo appears that the Donizettian engine really revs up. He alone bends and shapes the score to its true dramatic purpose, rather than singing it through like so many consecutive bel canto exercises. Sad to say, even he was not on top form: the Scotch mist that dampened the entire evening wrapped itself treacherously round even his throat and lungs.

Hilary Finch

Rock

The Firm
Wembley Arena

The Firm are a band built on the reputations of the vocalist Paul Rodgers and, more particularly, the guitarist Jimmy Page, from the defunct Seventies groups Bad Company and Led Zeppelin respectively. To say that they are trading on past successes would be to put it mildly; and yet they have not elected to do it the easy way by cobbling together a set comprising the best of Bad Zeppelin, but rather approach the project as a new venture, a vehicle for fresh material.

Rodgers ably demonstrated why he is still one of this country's most gifted and imitated singers on numbers such as "Money Can't Buy" and "Make or Break", where he employed his range with cool authority, while Page indulged his followers with liberal doses of strafing, shuddering guitar sounds, and even pulled out the old trick with the glowing violin-bowed solo played standing within an eerie laser-projected spinning pyramid. Bass and drums were contributed adeptly by Tony Franklin and Chris Slade.

But, whatever their considerable merits as musicians, the evidence of this lengthy show suggested that Page and Rodgers are spent as a creative force. The problem was not simply the lack of contemporaneity in their work (for there is presently a thriving heavy rock milieu which rightly regards these musicians as mentors and progenitors) so much as the absence of sparkle, energy or drive in their performance. Above all, it was the weakness of the material that rendered them impotent.

David Sinclair

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FINANCE AND INDUSTRY

Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

Plessey seeks shelter from Telecom storm

Is a Plessey merger with GEC absolutely unthinkable? In the confused and threatened state of the British electronics industry the answer is "no" – especially after yesterday's black stock market response to Plessey's figures.

Profits have fallen £13 million to £164 million in the year to end-March. That is not all. Sir John Clark, chairman of Plessey, told assembled investment analysts that industrial disputes plus other problems, made it almost certain that first quarter 1985-86 figures would be poor. The shares ended the day down 30p at 144p.

At the root of the Plessy market malaise (the shares have underperformed by a street in the last year) is the commercial behaviour of British Telecom, the former state-owned telecommunications giant, whose capitalist behaviour after privatization, notably its purchaser of the Canadian electronics manufacturer, Mitel, is sending shivers down the spine of every equipment manufacturer in this country.

British Telecom's increasingly hard-nosed attitude to its margins and its suppliers, and its entrenched monopoly position in a small market like the UK, is according to Sir John Clark, a threat to the viability of the private sector suppliers.

About the BT offer for Mitel, Sir John said: "We accept fair competition from any quarter but if government policies are aimed at the creation of genuine competition, it is essential in our view that National Network Authorities are not permitted to take advantage of a private monopoly situation in the distribution and sale of attachment products like PABXs."

It sounds very much as if Plessey is lobbying for the BT/Mitel deal to be referred to the Office of Fair Trading, (as reported here yesterday, the Department of Trade is unlikely to play); and second, looking for ways of building up a manufacturing group of countervailing strength to BT.

Sir John admits that he has discussed the problems which both GEC and Plessey face in the UK with Lord Weinstock. Both companies he says, are pragmatic about the way in which the BT dilemma can be resolved. Plessey of course is still heavily involved with BT over the completion of the System X contract, but it may have passed through the worst, notably the massive cash outflows needed to tool up supplies of the new equipment.

Over the next few years cash should start flowing back on an increasing scale. Assuming the system X contract lasts seven years, and 2.5 million lines worth about £250 million a year are installed, then Plessey stands to experience a cash flow from contract of nearly £2 billion.

GEC is worth roughly four times as much as Plessey in stock market terms. But a cash inflow from System X on such a scale would give Plessey ample liquid resourses to set alongside GEC's cash moutain. Sir John commented yesterday that he naturally preferred to do any deal from a position of strength.

Plessey is already exploring links with other electronics groups. Sir John said yesterday that he attached great importance to Plessey's collaboration in the new four-party agreement with CIT-Alcatel; Siemens; and Italtel, adding that this was precisely the type of project which might lead to closer international associations.

The flip side to privatization – the impact on sector suffering from foreign competition of a newly enfrachized monopoly operator flexing its muscles – is gnawing away at the Plessey board. Setbacks elsewhere, notably in military business and Untied States do not help its peace of mind. Sir John's final comment over privatization was: Any county which goes about destroying its manufacturing base like this is crazy".

SE likely to pass on costs of change

Stock exchange firms are looking straight in the face a substantial rise in charges for central services. The Stock Exchange's report and accounts published yesterday show that the surplus for the year to end March fell to a mere £433,000 from £5.4 million the year before.

The exchange's general reserves are still relatively healthy at £22.2 million, but the cost of changing the dealing, settlement and other support systems ahead of the Big Bang and adapting them thereafter will surely mean a big rise in service charges. The report gives a warning that despite a modest improvement in net assets, the deterioration in both working capital and in net liquid funds is a first indicator of substantial spending in the years ahead.

Last year's fall in the surplus is partly accounted for by £3.1 million written off expenditure on the Central Gilts Office Project, the computerized settlement system being developed with the Bank of England and the Australian settlement and stock account services. The write-offs were caused mainly by pursuing the dead-end route of services designed for a single capacity market. When in July 1984 the council opted dual capacity, it had to begin again from scratch.

Should the exchange go it alone in developing its own technological systems? SEAQ, the initial trading support system being developed for introduction in October next year, will cost more than £5 million, while the more sophisticated automated trading support system, Mantis, which will be grafted on to SEAQ, afterwards, will cost anything between £20 million and £30 million.

More than 100 people have been recruited over the last year to work in systems development, and the search has begun for new offices to accommodate technical staff.

Tories win either way with Vickers

At the end of next month the European Court will listen to reasons why several British companies feel that they have been badly treated by the Government. Then it will decide whether to insist on hitting the national budgets by ruling that up to £600 million of compensation should be paid out to Vickers, Vosper and their colleagues. There is a growing feeling that the court will decide in favour of the companies.

"We are more optimistic than we have ever been", declares Michael Grylls MP, a director of Vosper. His enthusiasm stems in part from studying the testimonies that the Government has now laid down before the court in Strasbourg.

It would be distressing if, having fought for so long, they were now secretly conceding defeat. But the recent interest of Saul Steinberg in Vickers suggests that people outside the coterie of determined compensation-seekers are beginning to believe that the companies have a good chance of winning.

Mr Steinberg now has a 6 per cent stake in Vickers, which on simple trading grounds looks sufficiently fairly valued to discourage the attentions of such a shrewd stock market operator, If Vickers were to get the full £200 million compensation that it seeks, it could be worth another £2 a share.

The Government is racing both ways. It is privatizing as many nationalized corporations as it believes the market will accept. Its efforts may be increasingly hampered by shouts from the Opposition that they will be renationalized by a Labour government. The Government is also arguing that patently unfair compensation for companies that were nationalized may be inequitable but is quite legal.

A European Court victory for equity, and shareholders, would make it hard for any future British Government to nationalize without paying the full price. There is no appeal from Strasbourg. Mrs Thatcher may wonder whether £600 million is not a small price to pay for such long-term gains.

Mr John Moore, Financial Secretary to the Treasury, completes his articles on tax and the Budget on page 23

Littlewoods profits jump 77% despite £7m stores slump

By Patience Wheatcroft

The Littlewoods Organization boosted its profits by 77 per cent to £47.6 million last year despite a drastic fall in the contribution from its retail business. Profits from the high street chain tumbled from £8.5 million to £1.5 million.

Two directors of the retail division left Littlewoods in January, just 18 months after being brought in to revitalize the chain.

Littlewoods, still owned by the octagenarian Sir John Moores and his family, is Britain's biggest private company. It made profits of £46.8 million in 1977 but since then problems in the mail order and retail businesses have depressed performances.

Last year's recovery was due to a leap in mail order profits, up from £15.8 million to £35.7 million despite a slight fall in sales. In 1983, Littlewoods provided £16.5 million against redundancies and other costs in reorganizing the mail order operation and these are now showing through.



Sir John Moores: expanding into financial services

Mail order is now being used as a springboard into the fashionable financial services area, the division seems likely to provide growth. The pools business managed to lift its profits from £11.2 million to £11.8 million.

The chain store division has had a succession of management change-overs as it struggled to find a niche in the high street. Mr Tom McAuliffe, the former Argos chief, was brought in as managing director of the stores and stayed four months after disagreements with the Moores family.

He was succeeded by Mr Anthony Phillips, formerly with British Home Stores, who joined in August 1983. He and his buying director, Mr David Kirkham, left in January after a year in which the company's retail sales remained static despite the boom other shopkeepers experienced.

According to the recently-appointed finance director, Mr John Martyn, the problems involved getting the right stock into the 108 stores on time. Apparently, the company's "Back to School" promotion was almost too late for the beginning of the autumn term. There were also difficulties with stock control.

Mr Martyn said these problems had dealt with and the stores were beginning to benefit from refurbishment. Twenty-seven shops were modernized last year at a cost of £14 million. Another 30 will be modernized this year.

Mr Martyn denied suggestions that littlewoods might be contemplating selling its stores, which cater for the lower end of the market. But the company is increasing its involvement in the area of home shopping, which is expected to be the retail growth area of the next decade.

It has a pilot scheme with Prestel and has just launched the first credit card for a single town, the Wilmslow card.

This was done through the Credit Data and Marketing Services subsidiary which is now selling Littlewoods customer vetting services to outside clients.

The company is also working on the possibilities of using CDMS to sell financial services such as insurance to customers of the catalogue companies.

Britannia Arrow link abandoned

By Alison Eadie

Britannia Arrow Holdings' planned 100 per cent purchase of Heseltine Moss, the Reading stockbroker, is off.

It is the first City link, forged since the Stock Exchange's deal with the Government nearly two years ago, to be abandoned, and it comes the day after another unit trust group. Save & Prosper, announced plans to acquire 100 per cent of the stockbroker Montagu Loebl Stanley.

Mr Alan Smith, administration partner of Heseltine, said yesterday: "There was never a change of heart on the principle of the deal, but the two sides could not reach agreement on the technical consideration of how to arrive at the figures." No price had been revealed for the transaction, which was announced in November.

Mr Michael Newman, chief executive of Britannia, said he was very disappointed, but they had met technical problems. Money appears to have been mor at issue than control. Britannia's decision not to create a market-making capacity was not an issue.

The attraction of the deal for both parties was the retail network that could be built up, using Heseltine's 10 offices and the 15 regional offices of Britannia's merchant bank, Singer & Friedlander, and its life assurance subsidiary, National Employers Life. Britannia is keeping an open mind on whether to look for another stockbroker to buy.

Crocker purchase approved

By Peter Wilson-Smith, Banking Correspondent

Midland Bank had crossed the final hurdle in buying out the 43 per cent minority shareholding in Crocker National Corporation, its Californian subsidiary.

Shareholders voted by a big margin to approve the deal at an extraordinary meeting yesterday, with nearly 72 million votes cast in favour and under 700,000 against.

Earlier this week Crocker's minority shareholders approved the deal, which could be tied up as early as today. Outstanding litigation, set in train in the Deleware courts by Crocker shareholders against the Californian bank, has also been settled. This involves Crocker paying $1.75 million in compensation and a similar amount in legal fees.

Reservations about the Crocker deal were raised at the meeting by some shareholders. One said it was little more than a gamble, and that Midland should pull out of Crocker.

Sir Donald Barron, chairman of Midland, denied this, saying Crocker would prove a good investment "in due course."

With 100 per cent ownership of Crocker, Midland will be able to set about merging some of its international and merchant banking activities with those of Midland Bank.

Although Crocker made small profit in the first quarter of this year, after losing £222 million last year, City analysts remain cautious about its immediate prospects. W. Greenwell, the stockbroker, is forecasting a zero contribution from Crocker to Midland's results this year following by profits of £45 million in 1986.

Boost for smaller oilmen

The Government yesterday announced the award of 80 new North Sea oil and gas licences, the chief feature of which was the strong showing by medium-sized British oil companies and the relatively modest involvement of the big multinationals.

Britoil and Enterprise Oil, the two privatized former state-owned oil companies, feature prominently in the awards, as do Burmah Oil and Charterhouse Petroleum.

The 80 discretionary awards announced yesterday follow the earlier auction of 13 blocks, bringing the total awarded in the ninth round of licensing to 93. The total is "significantly greater" than the maximum of 80 which the Government originally intended to allocate, said Mr Alick Buchanan-Smith, Energy Minister.

Many of the blocks awarded were in so-called "frontier" areas, such as the west of Shetlands and the Celtic Sea, where no commercial discoveries have previously been made, and where the chances of a drilling success must be rated more unlikely than in the proven areas of the central North Sea.

Among the licences granted were two for blocks in and around Poole Harbour, Dorset, which are adjacent to the Wytch Farm oilfield, Britain's largest onshore oil find. The blocks have been awarded to BP and the other partners in the Wytch Farm development.

More than 20 blocks in the southern gas province of the North Sea are included in the round,

Capital spending jumps to beat tax change

By Sarah Hogg
Economics Editor

Capital spending by industry jumped in the first quarter of this year, as companies rushed to take advantage of tax allowances before the corporation tax regime changed at the end of the financial year.

Government figures released yesterday showed that investment in the manufacturing, construction, distribution and financial industries rose 18 per cent between the last quarter of 1984 and the first quarter of 1985.

Finance leasing, through which tax-exhausted companies can use other companies; unused capital allowances, doubled between the two quarters.

Total investment in these industries amounted to £5,216 million at 1980 prices durin the first quarter of the year; on the same price base, finance leasing accounted for £1,495 million. Including leased assets, manufacturing industry invested £1,833 million at 1980 prices, 14½ per cent more than in the previous quarter. During 1984-85 as a whole, investment by all these industries was 17 per cent higher than in 1983-84.

Manufacturers, wholesalers and retailers ran down stocks during the first quarter of 1985, following modest restocking during 1984. The stock-output ratio in manufacturing fell sharply, as production rose and stocks declined: from 93.6 at the end of December to 91.8 at the end of March.

Insurer's loss

Sun Alliance and London Insurance made a pretax loss during the first quarter of 1985. Bad weather in Britain cost £22 million in claims (£19.5 million last year), while overseas underwriting losses also increased particularly in Australia. But the company's US performance improved.

US recruits

First Chicago, the merchant banking arm of the American bank, has recruited a team of six bond traders and salesmen from Chemical Bank in London, headed by Mr Philip Bloodworth. The move reflects First Chicago's ambitions to strengthen its International capital markets capability.

IN BRIEF

£65m bid by Rugby

Rugby Portland Cement yesterday launched an agreed £65.4 million bid for John Carr (Doncaster), the joinery and timber products group.

Rugby said the acquisition would complement and strengthen its market position in the British building materials industry. It also believes there will be opportunities for interchange between Carr and the recently acquired Addison Corporation in the United States which is also involved in the manufacture and sale of timber building products.

Rugby is offering three of its shares and 384p in cash for every eight Carr shares putting a value on each Carr share of about 95p. Carr shareholders will be able to elect to receive additional cash or additional shares if they wish. They will also be able to opt for loan notes instead of the cash.

Gill agrees bid

Dalgety has launched an agreed £126 million offer for Gill & Duffus the commodity trader. Terms of the offer are two-for-five plus 25p cash.

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RHP profits up

Profits at RHP, the ball bearings manufacturer, rose from £2.93 million to £4.81 million in the half-year to March 29. Turnover rose from £53.5 million to £57.6 million and the interim dividend has been lifted from 1.25p to 1.65p.

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Cater Allen fall

Cater Allen is paying a final dividend of 20.875p, making a full year payment of 28.875p (unchanged) after disclosed profits for the year to April 30, 1985, fell from £3.9 million to £3.7 million.

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Options tie-up

The Stock Exchange hopes that complete fungibility of its new currency options with the Philadelphia Stock Exchage will be achieved by late August. The two markets have agreed formally that positions opened on one exchange can be closed on the other. The agreement, which has come sooner than expected, is exclusive to the two centres. A Far East market may be added.

Accountants call for tax review

By Ian Griffiths

The Government has come underfire for producing another over-long and complex Finance Bill and has been urged by the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales to give a commitment to simplify tax legislation.

The ICAEW suggested to the Chancellor that a detailed review of selected areas of tax law be carried out which would remove a tax of reduce the legislation. The accountants also propose that joint working parties with the Inland Revenue be set up to study practical problems arising from tax legislation.

The submission says this year's Finance Bill contains no important tax reform, apart fromthe VAT clauses, abolition of development land tax and simplifications of stamp duty, yet it still runs to 199 pages and is very complex.

The accountant are also concerned about an increase in the tax authorities' enforcement powers and says increasingly complex legislation can lead to non-compliance through ignorance.

$300m JMB suit lapses

The $300 million (£238 million) law suit set in train by Mr Mahmoud Sipra against Johnson Matthey Bankers and the Bank of England has lapsed. Mr Sipra's business difficulties contributed to the near collapse of the bullion bank which had to be rescued by the Bank

Mr Sipra began proceedings in New York to sue both JMB and the Bank of England, claiming that their behaviour had helped undermine his shipping to fim-making group. He has now missed the deadline for proceeding with the case

MARKET SUMMARY

STOCK MARKETS

FT Ind Ord ..... 1010.2 (–10.7)
FT-A All Share ..... 640.34 (–2.64)
FT Govt Securities ..... 80.83 (–0.10)
FT-SE 100 ..... 1325.3 (–8.5)
Bargains 25,587
Datastream USM ..... 111.60 (–0.60)
New York
Dow Jones ..... 1299.39 (–4.37)
Tokyo
Nikkei Dow ..... 12,649.13 (–24.44)
Hong Kong:
Hang Seng ..... 1617.30 (+17.66)
Amsterdam: ..... 209.5 (–0.3)
Sydney: AO ..... 887.3 (–0.9)
Frankfurt:
Commerzbank ..... 1294.6 (+10.7)
Brussels:
General ..... 276.99 (+23.14)
Paris: CAC ..... 226.4 (+3.3)
Zurich:
SKA General ..... 358.20 (+0.20)

GOLD

London fixing:
am $316.40pm-$315.40
close $315.50-$316
New York:
Comex $315.85

CURRENCIES

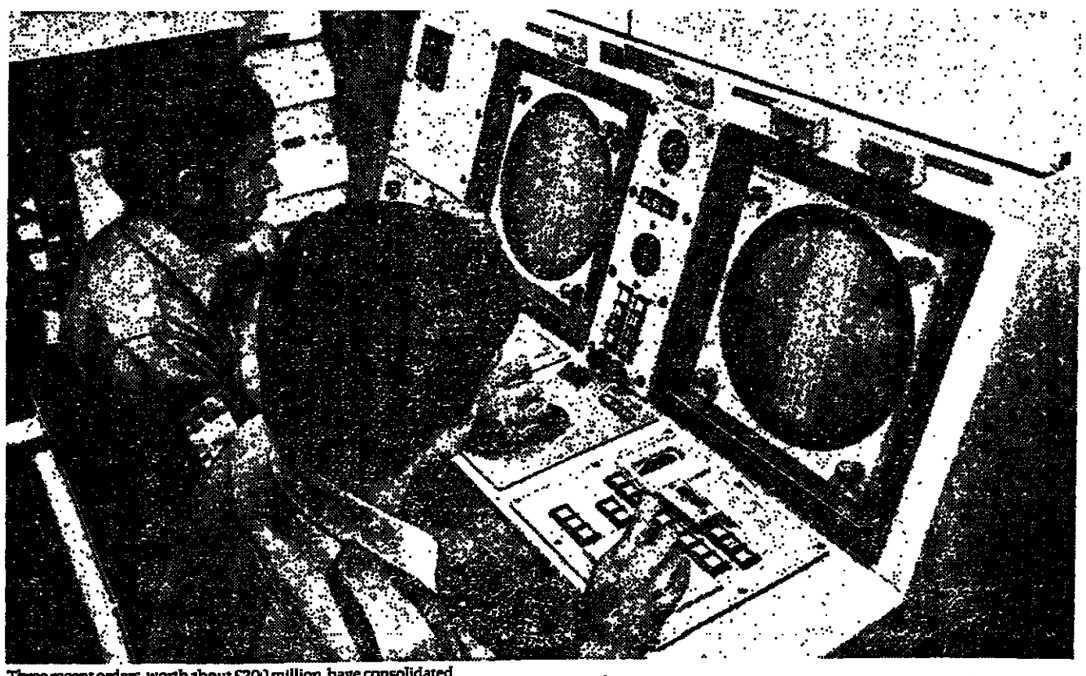
London:
£: $1.2578 (+0.0079)
£: DM 3.8840 (–0.0096)
£: SwFr 3.2635 (–0.0165)
£: FFr 11.8750(–0.0175)
£: Yen 316.50 (–0.82)
£ Index: 78.9 (–).04

New York:
£: $1.2615
$: DM 3.0835
$ Index: 146.1(+0.9)
ECU £0.676345
SDR £0.783473

INTEREST RATES

London:
Bank Base: 12%–12½%
3-month interbank 12 1/16–12 5/16%
3-month eligible bills 11 3/16–11 1/16
buying rate
US:
Prime Rate 10%
Federal Funds 7¾
3-month Treasury Bills 7.30-7.29%
Long bond 102 2/32–102 6/32

Plessey signals record orders



Three recent orders, worth about £200 million, have consolidated Plessey international leadership in sonar systems.

- Sales £1,416 million
- Pre-tax profit £164 million
- Order book £1,605 million

1984/85 Preliminary results

An extract from The Plessey Company's unaudited consolidated results.

	52 weeks ended 29 March 1985 £000	52 weeks ended 30 March 1984 £000
Sales	1,415,741	1,252,368
Operating profit	143,265	146,309
Profit before taxation	163,655	176,136
Profit before extraordinary items	93,544	112,045

If approved at the Annual General Meeting on Thursday 11 July, 1985, the proposed final dividend of 2.576p per share will be paid on 1 November 1985. This dividend, together with the interim dividend already declared, will amount to a total dividend for the year of 4.375p per share.

Copies of the full Report and Accounts for 1984/85 will be posted to shareholders on 17 June 1985.

The Plessey Company plc
Vicarage Lane, Ilford, Essex IG1 4AQ

PLESSEY

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WALL STREET

	May 22	May 21
AMF Inc	18⅝	19
AMR	45⅞	45½
Allied Corp	41⅝	42
Allied Stores	56	55½
Allis Chalmers	6½	6⅝
Alcoa	33⅞	34
Amax Inc	18⅞	18⅝
Amerada Hess	29⅝	29
Am Brands	66⅜	66⅝
Am Broadcast	110⅛	109⅝
Am Can	56⅞	56⅝
Am Cyanamid	55⅞	55⅝
Am Elec Power	22⅝	22⅝
Am Express	45⅞	46⅛
Am Home	82⅝	83
Am Motors	2⅞	3
Am Nat Res	64⅞	64⅞
Am Standard	30⅜	30⅝
Am Telephone	23⅝	24
Amoco	65⅛	65⅝
Armco Steel	7⅛	7¼
Asarco	24⅛	24⅛
Ashland Oil	29⅝	29⅝
Atlntic Richfield	61	61⅛
Avon Products	19⅝	19⅞
Bankers Tst NY	72⅞	73½
Bankamerica	21⅛	21⅛
Bank of Boston	50⅝	51⅛
Bank of NY	43⅛	43⅝
Beatrice Foods	32½	32
Bethlehem Steel	16⅜	16⅞
Boeing	63⅛	63⅝
Boise Cascade	43⅝	44
Borden	37	74
Borg Warner	22⅝	22⅛
Bristol Myers	60⅞	61⅛
BP	27⅝	27⅞
Burlington Ind	26⅞	27⅛
Burlington Nthn	56⅝	57⅛
Burroughs	65⅝	66⅛
Campbell Soup	69⅞	69⅞
Canadian Pacific	43¾	44⅛
Caterpillar	34⅝	35
Celanese	102½	102
Central Soya	24½	24⅜
Champion	23½	23⅜
Chase Manhat	59⅝	59⅞
Chem Bank NY	45⅝	45⅛
Chevron	35⅝	35⅞
Chrysler	35⅝	36⅜
Citicorp	48⅝	48⅞
Clark Equip	29	28⅞
Coca Cola	67⅞	68⅜
Colgate	24⅝	24⅞
CBS	109⅝	110⅛
Columbia Gas	29⅞	29⅝
Combustion Eng	32⅝	32
Comwlth Edison	30⅜	30⅛
Cons Edison	34⅛	34½
Cons Power	6⅝	6⅝
Control Data	30½	31
Corning Glass	40⅝	40⅜
CPC Intl	43⅝	43⅝
Crane	37	37⅝
Crocker Int	26½	26½
Crown Zeller	40⅞	41
Dart & Kraft	99⅛	100½
Deere	29⅝	29⅝
Delta Air	45⅛	45½
Detroit Edison	18⅝	18⅝
Digital Equip	106⅛	107⅝
Disney	83⅞	83⅞
Dow Chemical	32⅝	32½
Dresser Ind	20⅝	20⅞
Duke Power	32⅝	33⅛
Du Pont	58	58⅛
Eastern Air	8⅛	8⅝
Eastman Kodak	43⅝	43⅞
Eaton Corp	54⅛	54⅛
Emerson Elect	69⅛	71
Evans Prod	2	2⅛
Exxon Corp	52⅝	52⅝
Fed Dept Stores	62½	62⅝
Firestone	21⅛	22⅛
Fst Chicago	25½	26⅛
Fst Intrst Bncp	51⅛	52
Fst Penn Corp	6⅝	6⅝
Ford	43	43⅝
GAF Corp	36½	35⅞
GTE Corp	41⅞	41⅞
Gen Corp	45⅛	45⅝
Gen Dynamics	69	69
Gen Electric	61⅛	61⅛
Gen Foods	65⅞	65⅝
Gen Mills	56⅝	56⅝
Gen Motors	70⅝	70⅝
Gen Pub Utl NY	13⅜	13⅜
Genesco	5	5
Georgia Pacific	24½	24½
Gillette	63	63
Goodrich	33⅞	33⅝
Goodyear	29⅝	29⅝
Gould Inc	21⅞	22⅛
Grace	41⅜	41⅜
Gt Atlc & Pacific	16⅛	16
Greyhound	29⅜	29⅜
Grumman Corp	29⅛	28⅞
Gulf & West	37⅞	37⅞
Heinz H. J.	51⅛	52⅜
Hercules	35⅞	36⅛
Honeywell	61⅛	61⅛
IC Inds	33⅞	33⅞
Ingersoll	49	48⅞
Inland Steel	23¾	24⅛
IBM	132⅝	133⅛
Int Harvester	8⅞	9
IMCO	14⅛	14⅜
Int Paper	50⅝	51
Int Tel Tel	23⅝	24⅛
Irving Bank	38⅜	39⅛
Jim Walter	36⅜	36⅞
Johnson & John	48⅞	47
Kaiser Alumin	13⅞	14⅛
Kerr McGee	30⅝	31
Kimberly Clark	55⅛	55
K Mart	37⅞	38⅛
Kroger	43½	44
L T V. Corp	8⅛	8⅝
Litton	73¾	71½
Lockheed	29⅞	29⅞
Lucky Stores	20⅞	21⅛
Manuf Hanover	40⅝	40⅞
Manville Cp	5⅛	5⅛
Mapco	34	34⅜
Marine Midland	38	38⅛
Martin Marietta	55⅝	55⅛
McDonnell	73	74⅛
Mead	42⅝	41⅞
Merck	108	108½
Minnesota Mng	78	78⅛
Mobil Oil	31⅞	31
Monsanto	47⅞	48⅛
Morgan J P.	51⅝	52⅛
Motorola	33⅝	33⅝
NCR Corp	29⅝	29⅞
NL Industries	11⅝	11½
Nabisco	65	64⅝
Nat Distillers	29⅝	29⅝
Nat Med Ent	28⅝	28½
Norfolk South	65⅝	66⅛
Nthn Telecom	26⅛	26⅜
Occidental Pet	31½	31⅛
Ogden	28½	28⅛
Olin Corp	31½	31⅛
Owens-Illinois	45⅝	46
Pacific Gas Elec	19½	19⅝
Pan Am	6⅞	6⅝
Penney J C.	49⅝	49⅝
Pennzoil	51⅝	51⅝
Pepsico	56	56⅝
Pfizer	50⅝	49⅞
Phelps Dodge	21⅜	21⅛
Philip Morris	86⅝	87½
Phillips Petrol	38⅛	38⅛
Polaroid	30	30⅝
PPG Ind	39½	39⅝
Procter Gamble	53	52⅝
Pub Ser El & Gas	30⅜	31
Raytheon	46½	46⅝
RCA Corp	42⅝	43⅜
Reynolds Ind	76	76⅛
Reynolds Metal	36	36⅛
Rockwell Int	35⅞	35⅝
Royal Dutch	59	59⅛
Safeways	31⅜	31⅜
Sara Lee	40	39⅝
SFE Bopac	28⅝	28⅝
SCM	48½	48½
Schlumberger	40⅝	40⅝
Scott Paper	38½	38
Seagram	42½	44⅛
Sears Roebuck	36½	36⅝
Shell Oil	59⅝	59⅝
Shell Trans	36½	37⅛
Signal Co	40⅝	41⅛
Singer	37⅜	37⅜
Smithkline Beck	67½	66½
Sony	16⅛	16½
Sth Cal Edison	26½	26⅝
Sperry Corp	52⅝	54
Std Brands	48⅝	48⅝
Sterling Drug	32½	31⅞
Stevens J. P	19	19
Sun Comp	50⅞	51⅛
Teledyne	245⅞	246½
Tenneco	42⅝	42⅝
Texaco	37½	37⅜
Texas East Corp	35⅞	36⅝
Texas Inst	93	92½
Texas Utilities	26⅝	26½
Textron	51	51⅛
TWA	24½	24⅛
Travelers Corp	47½	47⅞
TRW Inc	72½	71⅝
UAL Inc	46⅞	46⅛
Union Carbide	39⅛	39½
Unocal	34⅞	35⅝
Un Pacific Corp	50½	51
Unroyal	19⅝	19⅝
United Brands	16⅝	16½
US Steel	29⅛	29⅛
Utd Technol	40⅞	41½
Wachovia	37⅞	37⅝
Warner Lambert	40½	39⅝
Wells Fargo	56⅛	56⅛
Westinghse Elec	35⅛	34⅞
Weyerhauser	30⅛	30⅛
Whirlpool	43¾	44½
Woolworth	45⅝	45½
Xerox Corp	49⅝	50
Zenith	22⅝	21⅞

CANADIAN PRICES

Abitib	18½	18
Alcan Alumin	39½	39⅝
Algoma Steel	22	22
Bell Telephone	42⅜	43
Can Pacific	19⅜	20⅛
Comnco	13½	13⅝
Cons Bathurst	16½	16⅝
Gulf Oil	19⅝	19⅞
Hawker/Std Can	19¾	19½
Hudson Bay Min	7⅞	7⅞
Imasco	29½	29
Imperial Oil	51⅝	52⅛
Inr Pipe	39½	39½
Mass.-Fergan	2.95	2.95
Royal Trustco	20⅝	20⅝
Seagram	57¾	58⅜
Steel Co	20	19⅞
Thomson N A'	21⅞	21¾
Walker Hiram	31	31½
WCT	17½	17¾

Dow slips below 1300

New York (Agencies) – Share prices remained lower in moderate early trading yesterday although prices were firming and was beginning to narrow.

The Dow Jones industrial average was down 4.81 points at 1,298.95 after being down six points shortly after opening.

Declining issues, which had led advances by about two-to-one earlier in the session, were later leading by an approximate three-to-two margin.

Early turnover amounted to about 6,687,600 shares.

Traders attributed the retreat to continued profit-taking that began on Tuesday on the heels of five consecutive upward moves by the Dow index which set record highs on Monday and Tuesday.

Jack Eckerd led the actives, up ⅜ to 24¼. The shares had declined recently as the company said profits were under pressure.

Katy Industries, held up at the opening, was indicated sharply lower at 20 to 25, compared to Wednesday night's close at 35⅝, after news that Union Pacific will acquire Katy's Missouri-Kansas-Texas railroad for about $108 million.

Phibor Salomon, among the actives, was down 1⅞ at 40⅝ on news that Minerals and Resources Corp of Bermuda plans to dispose of 10 million Phibro shares, a third of its holdings in the issue.

IBM was down ⅝ to 132, and AT & T ⅜ To 23¼.

Auto stocks eased with General Motors down ¼ to 69¼, Ford ⅛ to 42⅞, and Chrysler ¼ to 35⅜.

● Ex div a Asked s Ex distribution. b Bid k Market closed. n New issue. p Stock split t Traded. y Unquoted

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Open	High	Low	Close	Est Vol
Three Month Sterling					
Jun 85	87.56	87.56	87.46	87.49	226
Sep 85	88.45	88.49	88.41	88.41	1040
Dec 85	88.70	88.70	88.67	88.67	43
Mar 86	88.73	88.77	88.73	88.77	2
Jun 86	NT			88.80	0
Previous day's total open interest 7733					
Three Month Eurodollar					
Jun 85	91 94	91 98	91 89	91 95	461
Sep 85	91 25	91 26	91 18	91 25	3420
Dec 85	90 81	90 83	90 76	90 83	323
Mar 86	90.46	90.48	90 42	90 47	206
Jun 86	90.15	90.17	90.14	90.17	60
Previous day's total open interest 19179					
US Treasury Bond					
Jun 85	74-21	74-27	74-18	74-27	1562
Sep 85	73-21	73-27	73-20	73-27	35
Previous day's total open interest 3076					
Long Gilt					
Jun 85	105-10	105-18	105-09	105-18	1460
Sep 85	108-30	109-06	108-30	109-05	16
Dec 85	NT			109-11	0
Mar 86	NT			108-31	0
Previous day's total open interest 3889					
FT-SE 100					
Jun 85	132.50	132.75	132.05	132.30	195
Sep 85	133.05	133.25	133.05	132.90	5
Dec 85	NT				
Previous day's total open interest 1598					

COMMODITIES

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE
Rubber in £'s per tonne; Coffee and cocoa in pounds per metric ton; Gas-oil and sugar in $ per metric tonne.
G W Joynson and Co report

RUBBER
Jun 715–80
Jul 725–00
Aug 735–10
Sep 745–20
Oct 755–30
Nov 768–40
Dec 775–80
Jan ..... unquoted
Feb ..... unquoted
Jul/Sep 735–10
Oct/Dec 765–40
Jan/Mar ..... unquoted
Vol ..... nil

SUGAR
Aug 85.6–85.4
Oct 89.2–89.0
Dec 105.4–105.0
Mar 116.2–116.0
May 122.4–121.4
Aug 128.0–127.4
Oct 133.0–131.2
Vol 820

COCOA
May 1765–60
Jly 1788–87
Sep 1778–76
Dec 1743–42
Mar 1758–51
May 1765–63
Jly 1775–70
Vol 1,869

COFFEE
May 2075–69
Jly 2115–14
Sep 2164–62
Nov 2205–02
Jan 2240–27
Mar 2224–13
May 2220–2190
Vol 2,526

GAS OIL
Jun 218.50–18.00
Jly 215.00–15.75
Aug 217.50–17.00
Sep 221.00–18.50
Oct 224.00–20.00
Nov 226.00–22.00
Dec 232.00–22.00
Jan 232.00–25.00
Feb. 232.00–21.00 Vol NIL/677

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE
Unofficial prices
Official turnover figures.
Prices in £s per tonne; Silver in pence per troy ounce
Rudolf Wolff & Co. Ltd. report

COPPER HIGH GRADE
Cash 1203.0-1204.0
Three months 1203.50-1204.0
T/O 7,300
Tone ..... Barely steady

STANDARD CATHODES
Cash 1193.0-1194.0
Three months 1191.0-1191.50
T/O 800
Tone ..... Quiet

TIN STANDARD
Cash 9600-05
Three months 9565-9580
T/O 770
Tone ..... Steadier

TIN HIGH–GRADE
Cash 9600-05
Three months 9570-9580
T/O ..... Nil
Tone ..... Idle

LEAD
Cash 299-301
Three months 304.50-305.0
T/O 1,450
Tone ..... Steadier

ZINC STANDARD
Cash 642.0-644.0
Three months 651.0-652.50
T/O 1,275
Tone ..... Steady

ZINC HIGH GRADE
Cash 693.0-697.0
Three months 683.0-687.0
T/O 400
Tone ..... Quiet

SILVER LARGE
Cash 486-487
Three months 501.0-502.0
T/O ..... Very
Tone ..... Quiet

SILVER SMALL
Cash 486.0-487.0
Three months 501-502
T/O ..... Nil
Tone ..... Idle

ALUMINIUM
Cash 575-573
Three months 900-901.0
T/O 3,750
Tone ..... Steady

NICKEL
Cash 4400-4410
Three months 4380-4390
T/O 486
Tone ..... Easy

MEAT AND LIVESTOCK COMMISSION:
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on May 22:

GB: Cattle. 100.77p per kg lw (+0.98).
GB: Sheep. 191.20p per kg est d c w (–29.36).
GB: Pigs, 80.74p per kg lw (–4.41).

England and Wales:
Cattle nos. down 7.8 per cent. ave price. 100.76p (–1.35)
Sheep nos down 5.3 per cent. ave price, 194.02p (–27.26).
Pig nos down 14.8 per cent. ave. price. 80.82p (–4.42).

Scotland:
Cattle nos. down 10.4 per cent. ave price. 100.81p (+0.02).
Sheep nos up 19.3 per cent, ave. price, 173.29p (–40.56).
Pig nos. up 10.3 per cent. ave. price, 83.84p (–5.09).

LONDON GRAIN FUTURES
£ per Tonne

Month	Wheat Close	Barley Close
May	£118.00	£111.10
Jul	£115.80	–
Sep	£99.85	£98.85
Nov	£103.25	£102.55
Jan	£106.90	£106.05
Mar	£110.35	£108.55
Volume:		
Wheat		155
Barley		10

LONDON MEAT FUTURES EXCHANGE
Live Pig Contract

Month	p. per kilo Open	Close
Jun	101.0	101.5
Jul	97.0	100.0
Aug	99.0	99.0
Sep	96.5	100.0
Oct	101.5	101.5
Nov	101.0	102.3
Jan	95.0	95.0
Feb	9.50	94.5
Mar	95.0	95.0
Apr	95.0	95.00
May	–	0
Vol:		

PIG MEAT
£ per kilo

Month	Open	Close
Jun	106.6	107.2
Aug	101.2	101.4
Oct	106.2	106.3
Nov	106.6	106.6
Feb	99.5	99.0
Apr	99.8	99.5
Total lots traded: 54		

POTATO FUTURES
£ per tonne

Month	Open	Close
May	61.50	60.50
Nov	64.50	64.50
Feb	73.50	72.80
Apr	85.00	85.50
May	90.80	90.50
Vol:		36

BALTIC FREIGHT INDEX
G.N.L. Freight Futures Ltd report
$10 per index point

	High/Low	Close
July 85	888-880	888
Oct 85	935-926	934
Jan 86	918-918	922
Apr 86	980-980	987.5
July 86	912-912	918.5
Oct 86	–	987.5
Jan 87	–	1,005.5
Apr 87	–	1,075
Spot: 974.5		
Turnover: 184.		

APPOINTMENTS

Steetley: Professor Sir Sam Edwards has been made a non-executive director.

Martlet Property Services: Mr Richard Field has become group marketing director.

BCL: Mr D.M. Goode has been made chief executive.

Munford & White: Mr John Dodds has been appointed managing director.

Thames Television: Mr Jonathan Shier has become director of sales and marketing with a seat on the board.

British Textile Confederation: Mr J. H. Leach has been elected president.

British Air Ferries Group: Mr David Gilpin has become financial director.

Grindlays Bank: Mr Ian Lloyd has been named as director of personnel.

Institute of Management Consultants: Mr John D. Chadwick has been elected president and Mr Hedley S. Thomas senior vice-president.

Faculty of Building: Mr Gordon P Slingo has been elected president. Other officers: president-designate, Mr David M Turnbull; senior vice-president, Mr Merrick J. Burrell; vice-presidents, Mr Kenneth T Ward, Mr A. Geoffrey Booth and Mr Robert W. Barr.

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1985 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
198	162	Aberdeen	186	–1	9.4b	5.0	..
101	87½	Alba	97½	..	2.8b	2.1	..
666	500	Alliance	666	..	24.5	3.7	..
165	118	Amer Trust	138	..	4.1	3.0	..
302	264	Ang Amer Sec	279	..	8.1	2.9	..
145	129	Ashdown	134	..	3.9	2.9	..
120	88	Atlantic Assets	111	..	0.7	0.6	..
192	157	Bankers	95	+½	1.53b	2.7	..
194	152	Barry	182	..	1.4b	0.8	..
178	152	Border & Sthn	165	..	4.7	2.9	..
111	100	Br Amer Gen	111	..	3.7	3.3	..
215	192	Br Assets	203	..	11.9b	4.9	..
373	329	British Inv	348	+½	20.3	5.8	..
73	64	Brunner	72	..	2.9	4.0	..
88	72	Charter Agency	88	..	3.1b	3.5	..
685	525	Continental	635	..	26.7b	4.0	..
178	140	Crescent Japan	144	–2	1.1	0.8	..
465	385	Delta	385	..	..	..	..
109	97	Derby Inv	104	..	10.2	9.8	..
103	86	Dd Cap	103	..	..	..	..
226	204	Drayton Cons	208	..	13.4	4.7	..
148	128	Drayton Far East	128	..	1.8	1.2	..
429	348	Drayton Japan	357	..	3.6	1.0	..
412	368	Drayton Premier	402	..	18.2	4.5	..
183	162	Dundee Low	178	..	5.7	3.2	..
118	89	Edin Amer Asset	107	..	0.5	0.5	..
117	103	Edinburgh	115	..	4.1	3.5	..
282	254	Electra Sec	273	..	4.8b	1.8	..
254	228	English Int	250	..	10.0	4.0	..
76	64	English Scot	71	..	1.8	2.5	..
108½	91	English NY	106	..	3.6	3.4	..
97	85	F & C Alliance	88	+1	2.4	2.7	..
168	149	F&C Pacific	144	..	3.4	2.4	..
207	186	Fenchurch	207	..	9.9	4.3	..
278	242	First Scot Amer	269	..	12.9b	4.8	..
180	160	First Un Gen	180	..	8.7b	4.9	..
280	240	Fleming American	270	..	7.5	1.5	..
268	235	Fleming Claver	257	..	12.4	4.7	..
268	233	Fleming Enterprise	268	..	11.1	4.2	..
335	288	Fleming Far East	328	+1	4.2	1.6	..
113	100	Fleming Fledgling	113	..	3.6	3.2	..
500	468	Fleming Japan	473	+½	4.3	0.9	..
119½	108	Fleming Mercantile	119½	..	4.9b	3.6	..
134	106	Fleming Overseas	112	..	2.3b	2.0	..
163	142	Fleming Tech	142	..	2.1	2.2	..
334	278	Fleming Universal	298	..	11.4	3.8	..
74	62½	For Col	67	..	1.8	2.7	..
185	146	Gen Consolidated	151	..	2.0b	1.3	..
618	550	General Funds	585	–2	13.6	2.3	..
281	250	General Cons	250	–2	12.1	5.3	..
125	105	Glasgow Stock	116	..	2.9	2.5	..
278	231	Globe	277	..	12.8	4.6	..
245	203	Greenfriar	242	..	2.3	0.9	..
233	202	Gresham House	230	..	5.7	2.5	..
183	138	Hambros	183	..	5.4	3.0	..
257	235	Hill (P)	257	+5	13.2	5.1	..
248	220	Invest-in Success	248	..	7.8	3.5	..
282	212	Ivory & Sime	272	..	5.2	1.9	..
62	51	Japan Assets	52	..	0.1	0.1	..
369	272	Lake View	288	..	8.6	2.3	..
191	166	Lon Debenture	175	..	7.9	4.5	..
85	69	Lon Merchant Sec	83	..	2.8	3.4	..
107	92	Lon Trust	96	..	3.9	4.0	..
98	88	Mandarin	97	..	5.4b	5.5	..
174	154	Marlin	157	..	9.8	6.2	..
121	106	Murray Income	117	..	6.4b	5.5	..
98	85	Murray Growth	93	..	3.0	3.2	..
134	112	Murray Int	133	..	6.4	4.8	..
189	165	Murray Small	175	..	5.3b	3.0	..
292	270	Murray Venture	287	..	6.3b	2.2	..
393	358	New Court	380	..	20.4	5.7	..
77	67	New Darien Ord	75	..	0.5	0.6	..
178	160	Nthn	166	..	6.7	4.0	..
39	37	Wellbrg Inc 83	39	..	3.2b	8.2	..
245	186	New Tokyo	185	..	2.1	1.2	..
334	274	Nth Atlantic Sec	278	..	4.8	1.6	..
128	104	Nth Sea Assets	112	..	9.7	9.6	..
283	239	Nthn Amer	249	..	7.7	3.1	..
136	126	Outwich	134	..	4.3	3.2	..
46	32	Personal Assets	41	..	0.3	0.7	..
340	305	Raeburn	316	..	13.6	4.3	..
176	157	Raeburn Inc	163	..	7.1	5.5	..
228	158	River Plate	218	..	10.3	4.7	..
192	168	Robeco	176	..	..	..	..
171	150	Rolinco	155	..	..	..	..
267	239	Rosbery	244	..	6.6	2.7	..
11½	10	Rorento	210	..	..	..	..
113	98	St Andrews	105	..	3.7	3.5	..
283	241	Scottish	276	..	7.4	2.7	..
345	311	Scot Amerfcom	345	..	4.2b	1.2	..
83½	73	Scot Eastern	79	..	2.7	3.4	..
408	358	Scot Mtge	388	+½	10.7b	2.8	..
243	212	Scot Nat	238	..	6.1	2.7	..
139	119	Scot Nthn	139	..	4.4	4.0	..
388	355	Scot Mtge 'A'	379	..	13.1	3.5	..
596	500	Second Alliance	552	..	20.4b	3.7	..
133	108	Sec Of Scotland	132	..	5.7b	4.7	..
78	62	Smaller Cos	78	..	2.4	3.1	..
39	32	Stewart Enterp	38	..	0.6	1.5	..
146	112	Stockholders	130	..	3.6	2.7	..
109	87	Tr Australia	93	–1	2.9	3.3	..
87	76	Tr City Of Lon Ord	87	..	4.4b	5.1	..
155	139	Tr Ind & Gen	148	–2	4.8b	3.2	..
255	234	Tr Natural Res	242	..	10.7	4.4	..
292	257	Tr North Americn	286	..	4.9b	2.6	..
288	250	Tr Pacific Basin	288	..	2.9	1.1	..
145	134	Tr Property	144	..	4.7	3.2	..
191	85	Tr Tech	88	+½	2.2	2.5	..
139	115	Trinidges	139	..	4.9	3.5	..
134	111	Temple Bar	132	–1	6.5	5.4	..
290	211	Throgmorton	285	–2	10.7	4.5	..
260	218	Throg Secured Cap	258	..	..	..	..
167	147	Trans Oceanic	158	..	4.9b	3.1	..
129	108	Tribune	107	–1	3.2	3.0	..
79½	74	Trinvest Inc	74½	..	2.3	3.1	..
218	189	US Debenture	211	..	9.3	4.4	..
82	71	Viking Resources	77½	–½	1.6	2.1	..
68	61	Westpool	62	..	2.8	2.4	..
119	88	Wiltshorn Energy	91	..	1.0	1.0	..
139	139	Wlsn	157	..	3.9	2.5	..
264	258	Yeoman	262	..	12.3	4.4	..

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

1985 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
419	315	Abrdn & Stkhlm	330	..	23.6	7.4	12.4
37½	31½	American Express	32½	+½	..	..	..
93	78	Anglo	93	+1	2.6	2.5	17.5
85	68	Scotland	75	..	..	..	..
115	88	Britannia Arrow	108	+1	3.6	3.3	17.5
115	91	Cdn Pacific	93	..	..	..	..
41	25	Do Warrants	29	..	..	..	..
14½	9½	Daily Mail	214½	..	58.0	2.9	15.1
19½	9½	Do 'A'	210½	+½	58.0	4.1	14.3
159	132	Electra	159	..	4.2b	2.7	24.1
113	89	Emp Assoc	113	..	4.2b	4.7	13.1
743	535	Exco	688	..	12.9	1.9	18.2
135	98	Exploration	78	..	1.0	1.3	12.7
95	68	First Charfortns	93	..	2.1	2.3	..
775	700	First Pennington	700	–15	12.9	1.8	18.9
90	58	Frost (J) & (D)	90	..	5.8	6.7	12.3
105	44	Goode (D & M)	101	..	2.8	2.8	16.2
720	570	Henderson Admin	720	..	15.7	2.2	16.2
5½	3½	M & G	5½	..	17.9	3.6	28.6
388	354	Mercantile House	378	+2	17.5	4.6	7.1
495	340	Mills & Allen	495	..	20.0	5.6	16.9
194	93	Smith Brothers	193	..	7.9	6.4	5.3

MONEY MARKETS AND GOLD

Overnight interbank money held the area of 12 3–4 – 5–8 per cent in the morning and for much of the lunchtime period. As the shortage was bought out by the Bank of England in the afternoon, the rate eased a little, registering 12 1–4 – 12 per cent in patchy conditions shortly before the close, but came off to around 12-11 per cent at the close.

Period rates firmed slightly early in the session and showed little further movement for the rest of the day.

Conditions remained quiet throughout. There was no inspiration to be derived from the performance of the pound, and the market had taken not of a Bank of England view that rates could hold currently high levels for some time.

Base Rates %
Clearing Banks 12½-12¾
Finance House 13½

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TEMPUS

Dalgety weds but must wait for honeymoon

Marriages, they say, are made in heaven. The one announced yesterday between Dalgety and Gill & Duffus, seemed to owe more to a computer dating agency suffering from terminal malfunction. The logic of the deal was not questionable: there was no was no apparent logic. Soothing words from Mr David Donne, the Dalgety chairman, were called for and his reassurance about the thinking behind the deal went some way to stemming the fall of Dalgety's share price, down 18p to 433p.

He argued that the two companies would benefit from a much greater geographical exposure and an expertise in a wider range of commodities. Synergy, not rationalization, would be the key, to the liaison. He may well be right in the long run but the harsh facts seem to be that Gill & Duffus was very much down, although by no means out, and that Dalgety has picked it up fairly cheaply in the hope that commodity markets will not remain permanently depressed. Ironically, it was the lesser known insurance activities of the two companies which appeared to provide the most obvious example of a clear fit.

Dalgety might have ploughed its resources more usefully into an area like branded foods.

However, the price offered by Dalgety and agreed by the Gill & Duffus board is not unreasonable and, if anything, cheap. Even if the synergy is not as great as Mr Donne expects, the assets have not been bought expensively.

There will doubtless be some earnings dilution for Dalgety shareholders, and the company's gearing, which has been steadily falling, will increase from around 60 per cent to the 70 per cent mark.

With no immediate benefits from the merger it could be two years before there is any indication that the marriage has worked.

RHP Group

RHP Group's interim results shed more light on Bunzl's surprise bid this week for Brammer. RHP and Brammer both operate in the ball bearings industry. Although RHP is a manufacturer, and Bammer a distributor, both are doing well, as Britain's real economy improves.

The industry's rude health is marked by a doubling in RHP's interim profits to £4.26 million. Profits in the bearing division were improved by increased emphasis on the after market, which Brammer also serves. Demand for aerospace and precision bearings was strong.

In the other main RHP division, making a range of electrical products, there was a slight hiatus while RHP takes on the Westinghouse agency for programmable controllers. Profits for the group still look set to reach £10 million or more in the year to September 1985. On that basis the PE ratio is only 6 with the shares at 103p.

While Mr James White, who spent 10 years at RHP's main competitor, SKF, before he joined Bunzl, as managing director, is switching from packaging into ball bearings, RHP is building up its electrical division. Plainly RHP doesn't think the boom in ball bearings will continue for long.

It has, therefore, made a £15 million offer for Muirhead, which makes facsimile transmission equipment. Muirhead abandoned its fight against RHP's offer in the face of "continuing delays in the placement of British and overseas defence contracts". It is, however, confident of recovery, with orders for Ptarmigan equipment in hand for late 1985-86. RHP's 165p a share offer represents a seemingly over-generous 18 times historic earnings.

Assuming RHP can put some spark into Muirhead, it should be coming right by the time the bearings side is slowing down.

Has James White left the bid for Brammer too late to catch the recovery in the ball bearings business?

Cater Allen

A slightly-changed story about the future of London's discount houses is starting to emerge. The original received wisdom held that the whole sector was poised to fall under the foreign cosh, a doleful view which the 1984 winter of discontent in the gilts market did little to discourage. The fact that poor results from Seccombe Marshall & Campion and Clive Discount subsequently attracted bids tended to endorse the view.

Earlier this week Mr Roger Gibbs, chairman of Gerrard & National, made it clear that the largest house in the sector was opting for independence and produced figures which showed that one trader at least had survived the January collapse in gilts.

Yesterday, Cater Allen preached a similar theme. Published profits for the year to April 30 of £3.7 million compared quite favourably with the previous year. Even though the bulk of profits was earned in the first six months, Cater Allen states specifically that trading in the second six months was more difficult, but that the group had traded profitably. Mr James Barclay, the chairman, praised his traders for reading the market well in January, and for avoiding extreme interpretations of prices.

He also suggested that the house is now possibly the right size to operate successfully in the domestic money market.

Cater Allen may not be granted the opportunity to evolve fully along preferred lines in the new gilts market, not least because it probably needs a further injection of capital (£20 million?). But luck and planning, as Mr Barclay insists, are vital at this stage of any evolutionary process. Cater Allen appears to be enjoying its fair share of both. The shares rose 20p to 543p yesterday, after the figures.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

BHS keeps a watch on bid battles

By Derek Pain and Pam Spooner

As Debenhams and Burtons fight out their bid battle, there is little doubt in anyone's mind that the retailing business is in the midst of a massive shake-up, with companies regrouping for an assault on long-term growth.

Mr Denis Cassidy, managing director of British Homes Stores, one of the few leading retail chains yet to be involved in a merger, said: "If you look at the underlying trends it seems inevitable that the more powerful and aggressive companies will develop imperialist strategies"

But just how long, BHS will stay out of the bid and takeover scene is hard to say. While Mr Cassidy denies having looked at specific targets, he gives enough hints that this is the way forward.

Expect an American group to buy a 10 per cent shareholding in Spectre Automotive and Engineering Products, the car products group controlled by Sandhurst Marketing. Such a link could increase Spectre's range and give the company a US presence. Yesterday its shares rose 5p to 48p after it announced profits of £401,000 against £137,000.

"We have to accept the possibility of making bids, or, indeed, of being bid for", he says, and emphasises his board's desire to strengthen BHS.

The group continues to enlarge the range of its products and methods of selling. Jewlry outlets, set up in the past year, now number seven and BHS intends to add 17 more in the short term. A third financial services shop has also been added, and there will be more expansion on the out-of-town sites, in which BHS has a joint operation with Sainsbury.

"Given our sophisticated point-of-sale system, there is also scope for us to move into home shopping sales", Mr Cassidy says, and he promises further significant development of the group's business in the next 12 months.

From the City's point of view, there is certainly a changing attitude apparent. Analysts – some of whom have visited BHS in recnet weeks – believe the tide is turning and the group shrugging off its "second to Marks and Spencer" image.

The City men have been impressed by the large additions to selling space and to the range of merchandise.

How they would take to an acquisitive drive by BHS, however, is another matter. But with a market capitalization – roughly £610 million – that puts the company comfortably in the top half-dozen retailers, it is a prime candidate for empire building.

Yesterday the BHS share price stayed out of the flurry of activity in the sector, gaining just 1p to 319p.

Debenhams gained 7p to 369p.

Towards the close the market was agog with rumours that the management buyout which Mr Robert Thornton, Debenhams chairman, has said he will put together was on its way. Standard Chartered Bank and Lonrho were said to be involved. So was Mr Gerald Ronson. Mr Paul Spicer, a Lonrho director, described the rumour as "unbelievable fiction". Standard Chartered also denied it.

The stores sector remained in a state of high excitement. Harris Queensway, another rumoured member of the buyout consortium, was 20p higher at 256p.

But Harris already has close trading links with Debenhams and should stand to benefit if the Burton bid, which is being bitterly resisted by Mr Thornton, should go through.

Burton rose 1p to 503p; J. Hepworth 12p to 224p; NSS Newsagents 4p to 128p; Our Price 10p to 550p and Ratners 2p to 67p.

Equities were dimmed by the 8 per cent Plessey profits fall and the gloomy statement from BSR.

Etam, which came to market last June at 95p, hit a new high of 204p, up 16p on the day. The shares have gained 40p in the past week, following a bullish circular from Simon & Coates, the brokers who has raised its forecast for the current year to £10.3 million, against £8.6 million in 1984, but still thinks it to be conservative.

At the close the FT 30 share index was down 10.7 points at 1,010.2. The more broadly based FT-SE share index was lower 8.5 points at 1,325.3 points.

After the Plessey figures more than five million shares were, it was suggested, dumped on the market. They were eventually cleared at 146p. The Plessey price fell 30p to 144p.

Mr Bill Wyllie, chairman of BSR, referred to the worldwide shake-out in the personal computer industry and went on to say that in the first months of the current year group trade had not been as high as he had hoped. The shares plunged 27p to 86p.

Others unplugged were Racal Electronics, down 18p at 186p; General Electric Co. 8p at 184p; Thorn EMI 10p at 449p; Standard Telephones and Cables 9p to 177p and Ferranti 6p at 134p.

Government stocks has another quiet day, falling by up to £¼.

Elsewhere John Carr, the Doncaster joinery group, rose 3p to 92p on the expected bid from Rugby Portland Cement. But Gill and Duffus, and commodity group, dropped 7p to 183p in line with the share exchange offer from Dalgety, 18p lower at 443p.

Brammer, in receipt of an unwanted £117 million offer from Bunzl, shed 20p to 380p. Energy Services and Electronics, under offer from Brammer, rose 8p to 113p on suggestions that Peek Holdings, the "shell" company which just lost a take over battle for ESE, could come back into the action. Bunzl shaded 2p to 263p.

Britannia Arrow shares rose 1p to 109p as the unit and investment trust group announced that its plans to join forces with Heseltine, Moss, the stockbroker, have fallen down. The two City firms could not come to agreement about a price apparently.

Ivory & Sime, also in the investment management business, was unchanged at 132p as the Merchant Navy Officers Pension Fund revealed a further increase in its stake in I & S. The mariners now have 16.83 per cent – another 520,000 shares. That probably explains the near 30p rise in the I & S share price over the past week or two, when market traders felt the presence of steady buyer.

Jonas Woodhead, the vehicle suspension and engineering company, continued to make ground, rising 9p to 46 as & Whitemore reveales a 5.43 per cent stake in the shares. P & W is a private company, owned by US interests.

I.E.P. Securities, the Australian-backed invcestor, also has more than 11 per cent of Woodhead shares and market men are hoping for a bid battle. Talk on Throgmorton Street suggests an offer of 60p a share on the way.

Sandhurst Marketing, the office equipment group, fell 5p to 70p as it announced profits of £1,569,000 against £1,240,000. A headquarters shift retarded progress. The next set of half-year figures is likely to be down but a full year's profit of about £2 million seems likely.

Sirdar, the knitting wool group held at 126p. De Zoete and Bevan, the broker, says the second half-year figures should show strong growth following the disappointing interim figures. Mr David Buck and Mr Tim Adams the analysts, expect year's profits of £10.3 million and £11.2 million next year. The shares, they point out, have underperformed and their rating is near its three-year low.

Carclo Engineering Group's shares jumped 28p to 280p yesterday. A 5.5 per cent holding in the shares changed hands two months ago and market men expect action. Meanwhile, Carclo looks a cheap buy on fundamentals, its prospective p/e rating a mere 7.6 on a fully diluted basis. Results due in July should show profits of about £3.7 million.

Sketchley rose 13p to 340p as takeover talk revived. Figures are due next month.

Traded option highlights

Volume rose in the traded options market yesterday, helped by more interest being taken in the new currency option. A total of 9,510 contracts were traded in the day, of which 1,540 were in the dollar/sterling option.

But British Telecom still leads the volume tables, and 2,833 contracts in BT changed hands. In third place was Lonrho contracts, which chalked up a total of 731 trades. The Lonrho main market share price was also lively, up 5p at 179p.

There were few significant price movements among option contracts.

We will win, vows Debenhams' Thornton

Mr Robert Thornton, chairman of Debenhams, drew up plans for a management buy-out 12 months ago.

"We'd been talked about as a bid candidate for the past 13 years, and a year ago, when I could see that our policies were proving successful, I said to the board that as we got better someone was bound to try and take us on the cheap so we should prepare to do the job ourselves."

This week a £500 million-plus bid duly arrived fom Mr Ralph Halpern's Burton menswear group, aided and abetted by Sir Terence Conran's Habitat Mothercare.

A formidable combination. "Yes, able men but they know nothing about the job I am doing here and they don't understand department stores. Do you know, when Sir Terence came to see me in January with plans for a merger and set out his ideas for developing Debenhams he was amazed that I had been carrying out those same policies for the past couple of years."

Doubtless, as the opening shots in what promises to be a bitter battle get under way, Sir Terence will come back with his oown version of events. But back to that buy-out. When will Mr Thornton be dusting off the blueprint and sending the high street's dynamic duo of Conran and Halpern packing?

He insists it will go ahead only if he thinks the group is likely to be taken over too cheaply. So was cheap the wrong side of £600 million – a figure apparently placed on the business by the management? "Debenhams is worth what people are prepared to pay for it", Mr Thornton said. So what did he really think it was worth? "Don't be silly."

Is the City willing to help to finance the buyout? "A deal on this scale would be very big, bigger than anything done before in this country, so it would be necessary to consider foreign banks, for instance."



Robert Thornton, chairman of Debenhams, faces a £500 million takeover bid from Burton. He explains to Cliff Feltham why it is being rejected.

Mr Thornton, aged 61, sitting in his Welbeck Street offices a short distance from the Oxford Street store, appeared relaxed at the prospect of being pitched into a heated takeover battle.

In the high profile retailing business of the 1980s, Debenhams' critics argue that it lacks a positive image. The task of projecting Debenhams and proving it is not a dinosaur long overdue for extinction rests with Mr Thornton, who came to the group in the mid-seventies after spells elsewhere in the high street with Marks and Spencer, and British Home Stores.

During the war he was a navigator on torpedo bombers Escorting Russian convoys and teaching night fighter pilots to land on carriers rather than in the sea produced its share of thrills and spills. In fact he is not at all unhappy at the scrap he has now found himself involved in. "Am I frightened by Conran and Halpern? What do you think?"

Mr Thornton said: "Debenhams is not lost. We know who we are aiming at. It is a long process to change direction, but we are getting there". So far, 10 out of the group's 67 stores are now run as speciality stores – the concept put forward in the Burton bid.

But is this progress fast enough to satisfy shareholders, or will he be able to accelerate the pace?

"Each time you change a store it costs between £750,000 and £2 million. The Oxford Street store will cost nearly £4 million. People say a bigger group would have the funds, but I can get the funds – money isn't the problem. But you have to plan it properly.

His development plans include two or three new department stores a year, adding one million square feet to the present 4.5 million sq feet over the next four years.

"More than half my space in the stores is run by concessionaires and joint companies. Yet these are the suggestions being put forward by Burton as if they were new. Mr Thornton said. "I started this idea. No one is going to come in now and just take it over for themselves."

RHP Group plc

Half Year Results
1985

- Profits Doubled
- EPS up by 125%
- Strong Financial Position
- Increased Dividend
- Continuing Progress

	Half Year 1985 £000	Half Year 1984 £000	Year 1984 £000
	(Unaudited)		
Sales	**57,589**	53,458	105,705
Profit before interest	**4,806**	2,923	7,612
Interest	**(542)**	(817)	(1,379)
Profit before tax	**4,264**	2,106	6,233

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"...off to a good start in 1985..."
R. D. Hart (Chairman)

RESULTS IN BRIEF (Year ended 31st December)	1984 £000	1983 £000
Turnover	17,452	15,652
Profit before tax	482	352
Dividend	2.4p	1.2p

Salient points from the Chairman's circulated Statement.

- **Group profit before tax shows a modest increase. However, this advance masks a much greater improvement in the results flowing from the Group's principal manufacturing activities which has been offset by the necessity to write off heavy trading losses (£573,911) in withdrawing from an involvement in marketing industrial and domestic fuels in Eire.**
- **Having reshaped much of the Group in 1982 and 1983 to make it more responsive to present day market demands and having withdrawn from the loss making merchanting activities in 1984, your directors look to the future with greater confidence. We are already off to a good start in 1985 with a better level of demand being enjoyed by most of the subsidiary companies and we look forward to this being reflected in increased Group trading profits, earnings and dividends.**
- **A final dividend of 1.2p per share makes a total of 2.4p per share (1.2p last year).**

MARSHALL REFRACTORIES

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Interim Statement

For the 28 weeks ended 13th April 1985

	28 weeks to 13.4.85	28 weeks to 7.4.84	53 weeks to 30.9.84
	£ millions	£ millions adjusted (Note 2)	£ millions
Turnover (Note 1)	1,213.2	1,106.6	2,252.3
Costs and overheads, less other income	1,099.8	1,012.1	2,017.0
Trading profit (Note 1)	113.4	94.5	235.3
Cost of borrowing	7.3	10.1	16.9
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation	106.1	84.4	218.4
Tax on profit on ordinary activities (Note 2)	37.1	28.9	74.7
Profit on ordinary activities after taxation	69.0	55.5	143.7
Extraordinary charge for deferred taxation	—	—	9.2
Attributable to outside shareholders	(0.2)	—	0.9
Preference dividends	0.2	0.2	0.3
Earnings available for ordinary shareholders	69.0	55.3	133.3
Ordinary dividends paid and proposed (Note 3)	12.1	10.7	41.9
	56.9	44.6	91.4
Ordinary dividends paid and proposed – per share	3.70p	3.30p	12.90p
Earnings per ordinary share (Note 4)	21.1p	17.0p	44.0p

NOTES:

1. Turnover and trading profit

(a) Operational analysis

Turnover	28 weeks to 13.4.85 £ millions	28 weeks to 7.4.84 £ millions	53 weeks to 30.9.84 £ millions
Brewing, drinks and pub retailing	933.0	853.0	1,681.0
Leisure	280.2	253.6	571.3
	1,213.2	1,106.6	2,252.3
Trading profit			
Brewing, drinks and pub retailing	107.9	88.3	199.3
Leisure	5.5	6.2	36.0
	113.4	94.5	235.3

(b) Trading profit is after charging/(crediting):

	28 weeks to 13.4.85 £ millions	28 weeks to 7.4.84 £ millions	53 weeks to 30.9.84 £ millions
Depreciation on tangible fixed assets	35.3	29.7	58.7
Surplus on disposal of fixed assets and subsidiaries			
—brewing, drinks and pub retailing	(4.7)	(6.0)	(10.0)
—leisure	(1.5)	0.3	(0.3)
Provision for employee share ownership scheme	3.7	3.1	7.7

The depreciable lives of some assets in certain leisure companies have been reviewed, which has given rise to an additional charge in the 28 weeks of £1.5m, compared to the previous half year.

(c) In the period under review, there has been a continued steady growth in beer sales compared with the same period last year and our market share has increased. The severe winter affected the profits of racing operations and amusement machine manufacturing suffered from difficult market conditions. Hotels have performed well.

Easter was in the first half this year and in the second last year, which will affect trading comparisons. Furthermore the second half last year had the benefit of an extra week's trading and above average weather. These factors suggest that the substantial rate of growth in profits achieved in the first half of this year will not be maintained in the second half.

2. Taxation
Taxation has been provided at an estimated effective rate of 35.0% (1984: adjusted to 34.2%) on profit before taxation.

3. An interim dividend of 3.70p per share (1984: 3.30p) on the ordinary shares will be paid on 22nd July 1985.

4. Earnings per ordinary share are calculated by dividing the earnings available for ordinary shareholders £69.0m (1984: £55.3m) by 326.5m (1984: 324.9m) being the number of ordinary shares of 25p in issue at the end of the period and ranking for dividend.

5. During the 28 week period ended 13th April 1985 expenditure on fixed assets was £120.0m (1984: £87.3m).

6. The results for the half year have not been audited. The figures for the year to 30th September 1984 have been extracted from Accounts which have been filed with the Registrar of Companies and contain an unqualified audit report.

YOUR OWN BUSINESS

Backers seek the winning combination

By Derek Harris

Substantially increased investment in new British businesses is being sought by 3i Ventures, part of Investors in Industry (3i), which claims to be the world's biggest single source of venture capital.

In the year to last March, 3i Ventures, out of a total £8 million investment in 32 British and US companies, put only £600,000 in two entirely new businesses in Britain. Top-up capital of another £3 million went to another 17 British companies.

A doubling of last year's investment total is being targeted by Geoff Taylor, chief executive of 3i Ventures. He wants British businesses to get a fair share of this. So this week he launched what he agrees is a pure experiment in attracting entrepreneurs with the right ideas.

A nationwide radio advertising campaign on six stations including London's LBC is exhorting those with computers to tape a computer-coded broadcast which is going out once a night at 8.30. The stuttering bleep is transmitting in three home computer languages: Amstrad, BBC and Sinclair basic. Users can see what 3i Ventures is offering and can summarise their business plan, on which 3i promises an initial assessment within 10 working days.

Computer language broadcasts have been used for games before now but this is the first serious promotional use of the technique, according to Mr Taylor. It may, the theory runs, select out those in whom 3i Ventures is interested in fields like computer hardware and software, semiconductors, telecommunications, biotechnology and process control and automation.

Essentially 3i is looking for high-technology business opportunities with the prospect of rapid growth. "We are not interested in the one-man band", said Mr Taylor.

But he claimed that 3i would be willing to consider initial investments well below the £100,000 which is so often the minimum for investment by venture capital companies. But the eventual target would be investments of £250,000 or more and that quite soon.

The 3i Ventures approach emphasizes considerable management involvement but its present team could cope with another 15 investment situations.

● Contact *3i Ventures, Waterloo Road, London SE1 8XP; (01) 928 7822.*

Publishing venture opens new chapter

By Robert Temple

Julia MacRae was comfortably ensconced as a publishing executive five years ago when she decided to quit and go her own way. She was not only managing director of the children's books division of Hamish Hamilton but also a director of both Hamilton and its parent company, Thomson Books. She controlled an annual list of 120 titles. But she was not happy.

She said: "I felt I'd been at Hamish Hamilton too long and that I'd become an executive rather than an editor. My days seemed filled with memos and directives. I'd become removed from my authors and even my staff. My real love is editorial work with books and authors. I was not suited to being a boardroom politician. I wanted to get back to books and away from 'product'."

So she handed in her notice, with no idea of what she would do next. She felt that, with her reputation, something would turn up. And it did. She was instantly approached by a British company and an American company about teaming up with them. She told them she wanted total autonomy, and, whereas the British company engaged in an endless series of conferences, revising their estimates and worrying about niceties, the Americans went straight ahead and made her an offer. This enabled her to launch her own list of books entirely on her own terms. Thus was born Julia MacRae Books, with its colophon of a singing blackbird.

There has been much to sing about. Turnover for the company's fourth year, 1983, was £300,000, with only 40 book titles published that year. This is up from about £85,000 in the first year, when 30 titles were published. There were another 42 titles in 1984, with a turnover approaching £500,000. Although the company is a children's books publisher, Julia MacRae has begun a small adult list biased towards her passion for opera and singing.



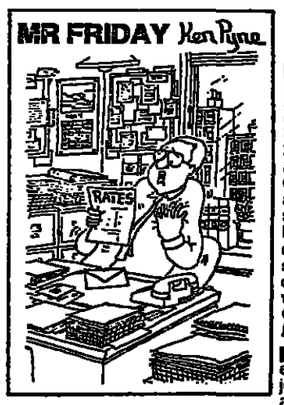
Julia MacRae: Her own way

The autonomous and personal operation of Julia MacRae Books takes place with the backing of its parent company, Franklin Watts Inc, of New York, of which Miss MacRae is also a director. The president of Franklin Watts, Howard Graham, came to England and over lunch offered Julia MacRae a budget of £250,000 when he knew she was leaving Hamish Hamilton. His sole proviso was: "Heaven help you if you overspend."

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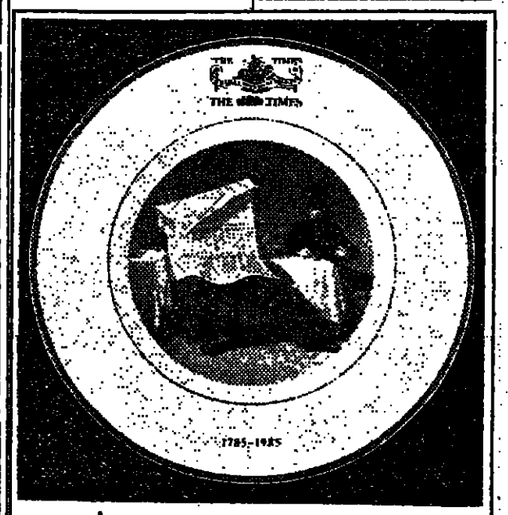
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CASE NUMBER CV-84 5304 WDK (JXR)

SUMMONS

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT(S), You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon. Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is:

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By WENDER ANDREWS, Deputy Clerk.

No 000647 of 1985
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IN THE MATTER OF CARRAUN PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY AND IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Order of the High Court of Justice Chancery Division dated the 13th May 1985 confirming the reduction of the capital of the above-named Company from £14,000,000 to £8,857,177 and the Minute approved by the Court showing with respect to the capital of the Company as altered the several particulars required by the above-mentioned Act were registered by the Registrar of Companies on 17th May 1985.
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THE COMPANIES ACT 1948
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
No: 002621 of 1984
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DATED this 21st day of May 1985.
By Order of the Board.
R. J. WATERER
Secretary

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BUDGET BRIEFING

Towards a simpler effective and fairer tax system



In his first article yesterday, John Moore explained why the 1985 Budget was a Budget for jobs. His second major theme is tax simplification and reform.

The Budget carries forward last year's reforms. Then, of course, company taxation was the main focal point, together with important changes in the tax treatment of life assurance and certain other savings and investment instruments.

The common theme of this year's proposals, which fall under seven main headings, is the creation of a fairer and simpler tax system, which will encourage enterprise and job creation, and help markets to operate more efficiently. Tax reform also involves improving taxpayer compliance and countering avoidance devices which allow some people to escape tax unfairly, thus transferring the burden on to the rest of the community.

First on my list is the proposed Green Paper on the Reform of Personal Taxation. Though this document will cover possible ways of bringing the tax and National Insurance systems closer together, its centrepiece will be a proposed new system of personal allowances – fully transferable allowances – intended to deal with two features of the present system that are unsatisfactory:

- The present system discriminates against the family where the wife stays at home to look after the children. Such a family receives less in tax allowances than the family where the wife goes out to work; and
- It denies married women full equality and the opportunity for full privacy and independence in their tax affairs. The husband is usually responsible for the tax affairs of both partners. The wife's income is usually aggregated with his for the calculation of tax. It is true that the couple can elect for the wife to be taxed separately on her earnings. But they cannot elect for separate taxation of her investment income.

A system of fully transferable allowances would give the same allowance to every person, married or single. If either partner in a marriage was unable to use the allowance, the unused portion could, if he or she so wished, be transferred to the other partner. As a result married couples would have the same allowances whether one or both of the partners went out to work. The aggregation of investment income would end.

The introduction of fully transferable allowances would also be relatively effective in alleviating the unemployment trap, compared with an equal cost across-the-board increase in allowances.

The intention would be to phase the new system in, so that no couple would lose out in cash terms. Consultation and planning needs to start now so that it could come into effect from the tax year 1990-91. It cannot be introduced immediately because an essential component of the scheme – which would require complex, and currently unavailable, procedures for exchanging information about husband and wife between tax offices – will be the development of adequate computer support, building on the back of the current programme to computerize the Paye system.

The green paper will fill out the details and, I hope, will receive a constructive response from interested parties.

Second on the reforming agenda are the changes in the NIC structure that I described in the previous article.

The third set of proposals are those relating to capital gains tax. The "bondwashing" provisions, announced this February to come into effect next February, are designed to stop up an avoidance loophole under which income from fixed interest securities such as gilts could be turned into capital gains taxed at a lower rate, or not at all if held for 12 months or more. Then there are the proposals in the present Bill to:

- Apply indexation to the first 12 months of ownership of an asset;
- Improve the treatment of long-term holdings by excluding paper gains from 1982 onwards from the scope of the tax;
- Simplify the calculations, so allowing a form of share-pooling; and
- Extend indexation to losses as well as gains.

Fourth, also in the field of capital taxes, the Chancellor has proposed the abolition of development land tax. This is the third tax to be abolished in two years, following the investment income surcharge and NIS last year. The proposal will remove 200 pages of complex legislation from the statute book.

The tax has a cost-yield ratio well in excess of other Revenue taxes and is costly to comply with. Its abolition removes an impediment to the availability of land for all forms of development. The announcement has been widely welcomed as being helpful to the construction industry and jobs.

Fifth, we have announced a package of proposals to simplify and modernize stamp duties. This will reduce the number of documents requiring stamping by over 40 per cent. Among a number of duties that have been swept away are those on gifts and contract notes.

Another irritant now removed is that house transfers not liable to stamp duty will no longer have to be produced to stamp offices.

Sixth, and building on the main structure of last year's business tax reforms, we are introducing a number of refinements. In particular a rather different regime for short-life assets will apply from next April.

While the new structure of capital allowances will enable most plant and machinery to be written off for tax over a period that more than adequately reflects its useful business life, there are assets – for example in the high technology areas – whose working life is very much shorter than the average.

Accordingly, from next year, businesses will be able to exclude from their general pool of capital expenditure any asset which they believe will have only a short life. As a result, if the asset is subsequently scrapped after, say, four years, it will be fully written off for tax over that period.

Finally, reform is not just about sweeping away the cobwebs from the statute book; it is also about ensuring that the taxes which result are properly complied with, and are paid promptly. That is why the Government has responded favourably to the recommendations of the Keith Committee on the Enforcement Powers of the Revenue Departments. This year's Finance Bill includes the bulk of the committee's VAT recommendations.

We are now consulting on the recommendations concerning Inland Revenue taxes; and intend to cover these in the 1986 Bill.

As I have explained, because of the economic and financial background, there was extremely limited room for fiscal manoeuvre this year. It was not possible to make a major reduction in the overall burden of tax – as a ratio of GDP, tax revenues have remained at about 39 per cent over the last 3-4 years – though we continue to make progress in shifting the balance of taxation on individuals from personal incomes towards personal expenditure.

Within these constraints, I believe the Budget makes a valuable contribution in promoting job creation, stimulating enterprise and creating a fairer and simpler tax system. Over the remainder of this Parliament, we will continue with the process of tax reform and, resources permitting, make more progress in reducing the tax burden towards the more realistic levels described in the March 1984 Green Paper on "Public Expenditure and Taxation into the 1990s".

The author is Financial Secretary to the Treasury.

CRICKET: NICHOLAS AND LAMB GIVE AUSTRALIANS A TASTE OF THEIR OWN MEDICINE

Centuries at the double for MCC

By John Woodcock, Cricket Correspondent

LORD'S: The Australians, with nine second-innings wickets in hand, are 125 runs ahead of MCC.

An unbroken partnership of 239 in just over three hours between Nicholas and Lamb, presented the Australian bowlers with the hardest work of their tour at Lord's yesterday. It was time they were held up, and the spirit and style with which it was done were admirable. The weather was not quite as good, 14 overs being lost to poor light.

It is not often that four hundreds of such tone and quality are made in the same match on successive days as Border's and O'Donnell's on Wednesday, and Lamb's and Nicholas's now. In a sense the merit of Nicholas's was enhanced by the awful problems he had, to start with, against the faster Australian bowlers. But he rose above them and went on to play most handsomely. After lunch the Australian bowling, like MCC's on Wednesday, was such as to foreshadow a Test series in which both sides have trouble bowling each other out twice.

Today it will almost certainly take a third declaration to get a result, although last night, the Australians, in the 15 overs they faced, lost the unfortunate Hilditch, who is quite unable to get any runs. In six first-class innings he has scored only 116. Wood is another who has yet to run into form, but in his case it seems sure to be a matter only of time.

Although MCC scored more runs off fewer overs yesterday morning than the Australians had on Wednesday morning, there was not much conviction about the way they did it. Lawson, Thomson, and O'Donnell bowled a good deal better, collectively, than Sidebottom, Williams and Thomas had. Thomson may never be able to bowl as superbly at a reduced pace as Lillee did or Hadlee does, or, for a while, Lindwall managed to do, but he was still a handful, not least because of the way he swung the ball away from the right handers.

Even before he bowled Gooch, who was driving at the pitch of the ball, he had had him missed at second slip, straight in and straight out. Gooch took a parting look at the pitch, as though it was not as bland as on the first day. Fowler batted for an hour, streakily. It is wiser not to judge him, though, on the times he plays and misses, but on the runs he makes for England. Yesterday, at 52, he mistimed an on-drive, O'Donnell catching him at mid-on.

Nicholas, meanwhile, was having a torrid time of it. He was never dropped, but it was an hour or so before the Australians began to see how he came to be playing in the match. He started to get the hang of things in an over from O'Donnell, in which he hooked him twice for four and then cut him for three. After that he went from strength to strength.

Nicholas's record at Lord's, last year and this, is worth writing down. Yesterday's 115 not out was his fourth innings for MCC in that time, the others having been 76 not out, one, and 121. For Hampshire against Middlesex, in 1984, he scored 96 and 18 – a total of 427 runs at an average of 106.75. Yesterday's was a much a success for his temperament as his technique. He stands up and plays the ball treating each one on its merits as he sees them. He drives powerfully and is strong off his legs. If the selectors had a touring team to pick today, they would find it hard to leave him out.

Lamb is another with a liking for Lord's. Last year he made two Test hundreds here, against West Indies and Sri Lanka. He batted now with the sturdy belligerence that is his trade mark. Off the mark with a four through the covers off Lawson, he had long since confirmed his Test place by the time Nicholas declared.

AUSTRALIANS: First Innings 377 for 8 dec (A R Border 125, S P O'Donnell 100 not out, K C Wessels 80).

Second Innings

G M Wood not out	16
A M J Hilditch c Sidebottom b Williams	21
D M Wellam not out	0
Extras (n-b 2)	
Total (1 wkt)	39

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–33.

MCC: First Innings

G A Gooch b Thomson	15
G Fowler c O'Donnell b Lawson	24
*M C J Nicholas not out	115
A J Lamb not out	122
Extras (b 4, l-b 7, w 3, n-b 1)	15
Total (2 wkts dec)	291

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–28, 2–52.

BOWLING: Lawson 17–1–68–1; Thomson 14–1–65–1; O'Donnell 15–3–77–0; Bennett 15–1–53–0; Hilditch 3–0–19–0.

Umpires: J Birkenshaw and A G T Whitehead.



On side and in form: Nicholas (left) and Lamb on their way to hundreds at Lord's yesterday (Photographs: Ian Stewart)

Historic Hampshire day

By Richard Streeton

TAUNTON: Somerset, with nine second innings wickets in hand, lead Hampshire by 101 runs.

Against all probability there was further extraordinary cricket here yesterday. Kevan James and Tim Tremlett scored maiden hundreds and broke the eighth wicket Hampshire record which had stood for 60 years. In its own way their batting was as remarkable as Botham's 149 on Wednesday, albeit pitched in a lower key.

Eighth wicket stands which pass 200 are rarities in the championship. Fewer than a dozen have been recorded since 1900. James and Tremlett came together with Hampshire on 107 for seven. By the time James was caught at long on in the last over before tea, 227 in 72 oversad been added.

James, aged 24, joined Hampshire during the winter from Middlesex, mainly as a left-arm seam bowler. Watching him hooking and driving in the accomplished style of the best left-handers, it was hard to remember that before this season his highest score was 34. James finished with four sixes and 10 fours and batted four hours 20 minutes.

Tremlett's batting has always been a useful adjunct to his bowling; his previous highest score was 88. Most of his 16 fours were hit on the back foot through the covers, wrists and eyes working in perfect co-ordination.

In the morning Garner dismissed Cowley and Marshall in his first three overs a the immediate priority for Hampshire was to reach 149 and avoid the follow-on. This was soon accomplished and quickly forgotten as the score mounted.

James reached his century first, with a straight six off Marks. This stroke also took the stand past the Hampshire eight wicket record of 178 set by Phil Mead and Charlie Brutton in 1925 against Worcestershire at Bournemouth.

SOMERSET: First Innings 298 (I T Botham 149).

Second Innings

J G Wyatt b Connor	13
N F M Popplewell not out	60
I V A Richards not out	54
Extras (l-b5, n-b5)	10
Total (1wkt)	137

FALL OF WICKETS 1–34.

HAMPSHIRE: First Innings

C G Greenidge l-b-w b Botham	12
*V P Terry l-b-w b Garner	3
C L Smith st Gard b Richards	16
D R Turner c Gard b Turner	38
R A Smith st Gard b Richards	5
M D Marshall c sub b Garner	24
N G Cowley c Gard b Garner	0
K D James c Davis b Marks	124
T M Tremlett not out	102
Extras (b 1 l-b 7, w 2)	10
Total (8 wkts dec)	334

FALL OF WICKETS 1–11, 2–21, 3–68, 4–76 5–87 6–94 7–107, 8–334

Score at 100 overs 301 for 7

BOWLING: Garner 22.7–3–93–3 Botham 15–2–69–1 Turner 21–4–45–1 Richards 20–8–55–2, Davis 15–3–53–0 Marks 17 3–3–64–1

Bonus points Somerset 6 Hampshire 8

Umpires C Cook and R Palmer

Knott happy as sandboy as he scurries to record

By Ivo Tennant

Will Alf Knott ever grow old? The odds are that he will still be running round Herne Bay where he lives when he is 90, handkerchief dangling out of pocket, sweater on back to front and looking as pleased as Mr Punch. It is not every cricket match in which he bats at number 10, as he did against Northamptonshire yesterday, but it has helped him to create another record.

Knott made an undefeated 87, putting on 136 with Ellison which beat the previous best ninth wicket stand against Northamptonshire. That was by Gimblett and Hall for Somerset in 1953. What price Knott for an England recall? It would make my summer, and that of many others besides. For the present, he is happy as a sandboy scurrying around for Kent.

We all of us, Knott included, have to attune to the age of the career-best performance. Almost daily one is recorded in the plethora of competitions, even if there is limited scope playing for South African Breweries or in the Tilcon trophy, but we will leave that for the moment. Yesterday, in the competition that really counts, the county championship, Baptiste and Lawrence returned the best figures of their five-year county careers. These were six for 42 and seven for 48 respectively, the latter and Stovold, who made a hundred, helping Gloucestershire to put Sussex to the sword.

It so happens that the 19-year-old Middlesex fast-medium bowler, Fraser, also recorded a career-best performance, taking three Glamorgan wickets for seven runs. But then his only previous bowling in first-class cricket had resulted in figures of one for 124. Anyway, he wrapped up Glamorgan's tail, Cowans having inflicted the earlier damage. Yet Glamorgan fought back strongly in the evening. Younis Ahmed reached 103 before retiring hurt.

There were runs aplenty at Leicester and in the Parks. Robinson made 94, Randall 89 not out (he averages 107 this season) and Broad 70. Nottinghamshire, short of time, declared at a gallop, only to witness Balderstone digging in for the night. For Warwickshire, who beat Oxford in two days, Weston made 97 and Banks 76. Illingworth again enjoyed himself, taking seven for 58, yet another career-best. He took six for nine the day before.

At Edgbaston, Warwickshire declared 47 behind Surrey. The feature of their innings was a stand of 106 between Humpage and Amiss.

England prospects beat gloom

By Marcus Williams

CHESTERFIELD: Lancashire, with nine first innings wickets in hand, are 223 runs behind Derbyshire.

The performances of two England candidates, Barnett and Allott, stood out on another sombre day in Chesterfield, during which the match between Derbyshire and Lancashire made fitful progress until the weather intervened 20 minutes after tea. Barnett, Derbyshire's youthful captain, scored his second century of the season in testing conditions and then Allott achieved his second five-wicket return as Derbyshire lost their last six wickets for 14 runs.

The sap in the pitch and overcast skies helped the bowlers to maintain control, apart from a fifth-wicket partnership of 135 in 38 overs between a restrained Barnett and a robust Fowler, whose 76 included the high proportion, with a sluggish outfield, of 54 boundaries. The remaining batsmen on either side were as unsuccessful as the sun in its unavailing efforts to pierce the cloud cover.

Derbyshire had resumed at 68 for three and the nightwatchman, Maher, survived for a further half hour before following a ball from Patterson to be caught at first slip. Allcott, maintaining an excellent line and length, frequently beat the bat, including Barnett's, but he had to wait until after lunch for tangible reward.

Fowler profited from Varey's lapse at deep square leg when he was 33 to reach his half-century off 55 balls and he later despatched Patterson for six with a short-arm pull. Ormrod's athletic swoop at first slip accounted for Fowler, but Barnett got to his responsible hundred two overs later, having batted the best part of five hours. His previous championship scores were 62, 49 and 134 not out, so he is in a rich streak.

Varey made amends by catching Barnett at wide mid-off as he drove at a ball not quite there, and his departure heralded Derbrshire's demise, Allott taking four wickets for three runs in 15 balls.

Bad light and drizzle finally offered Lancashire some respite at 4.50 after they had struggled to 20 for one off 20 overs, against Derbyshire's cosmopolitan opening attack of a Jamaican and a Dane, supported by a Birmingham-born St Kittsian. It was the Dane, Mortensen, who took the wicket, Ormrod being caught by Miller low to his right at first slip. This allowed Mortensen a cry of triumph after the cries of anguish when Ormrod was dropped twice earlier.

DERBYSHIRE: First Innings

*K J Barnett c Varey b Allott	103
A Hill c Maynard b Allott	6
J E Morris c Hughes b Patterson	1
B Roberts l-b-w b Simmons	21
†B J M Maher c Ormrod b Patterson	7
W P Fowler c Ormrod b Patterson	76
G Miller l-b-w b Allott	3
R J Finney c O'Shaughnessy b Simmons	3
A E Warner not out	1
M A Holding l-b-w b Allott	1
O H Mortensen l-b-w b B Allott	0
Extras (l-b 10, w 3, n-b 8)	21
Total (88 5 overs)	243

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–10, 2–12 3–65, 4–94 5–229, 6–238, 7–241, 8–241, 9–243, 10–243

BOWLING: Allott 25 5–9–33–5, Patterson 22–2–77–3; Makinson 9–1–34–0, O'Shaughnessy 8–0–48–0; Simmons 23–8–40–2 Hughes 2–2–0–0

LANCASHIRE: First Innings

J A Ormrod c Miller b Mortensen	4
D W Varey not out	13
S J O Shaughnessy not out	2
Extras (l-b 1)	1
Total (1 wkt, 20 overs)	20

FALL OF WICKETS 1–16

Bonus points (to date): Derbyshire 2 Lancashire 4.

Umpires: R Julian and B Dudleston.

Pitch waterlogged

There was no play at Sheffield yesterday for the second running in the match between Yorkshire and Essex. The pitch was waterlogged.

YESTERDAY'S OTHER CRICKET SCOREBOARDS

Northants v Kent

AT NORTHAMPTON

KENT: First Innings

M R Benson l-b-w b Walker	24
S G Hinks c Wild b Walker	35
C J Tavaré b Walker	0
D G Aslett l-b-w b Walker	4
*C S Cowdrey b Griffiths	5
E A E Baptiste c Larkins b Griffiths	18
L Potter c Wild b Griffiths	0
R M Ellison b Mallender	71
G W Johnson c Sharp b Mallender	5
†A P E Knott not out	87
G R Dilley not out	5
Extras (b, l-b 8, n-b 3)	13
Total (9 wkts dec)	270

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–56, 2–60, 3–68, 4–68, 5–72, 6–82, 7–93, 8–112, 9–248.

Score at 100 overs: 209 for 8.

BOWLING: Mallender 32–4–91–2, Griffiths 28–9–45–3, Walker 20–5–38–4, Harper 17–4–44–0, Capel 13–2–35–0, Williams 2–0–7–0.

Second Innings

M R Benson not out	2
S G Hinks not out	1
Extras (l-b 5, w 1)	6
Total (0 wkts)	9

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First Innings

*G Cook b Potter	39
W Larkins c Hinks b Baptiste	62
R G Williams l-b-w b Cowdrey	1
R J Bailey c Knott b Ellison	38
D J Capel c Benson b Baptiste	6
D J Wild c Knott b Baptiste	10
R A Harper l-b-w b Baptiste	0
†G Sharp c and b Baptiste	9
N A Mallender l-b-w b Baptiste	2
A Walker not out	0
B J Griffiths absent hurt	0
Extras (l-b 3, w 1, n-b 1)	5
Total (85.3 overs)	162

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–71, 2–77, 3–132, 4–134, 5–144, 6–148, 7–155, 8–157, 9–162.

Bonus points: Northamptonshire 4, Kent 6

BOWLING: Dilley 11–4–27–0; Ellison 15–4–37–1; Baptiste 18.3–5–42–8; Cowdrey 12–2–38–1; Potter 8–2–17–1.



James: maiden century

Sussex v Gloucs

AT HOVE

SUSSEX: First Innings

G D Mendis c Russell b Lawrence	45
A M Green run out	1
P W G Parker b Lawrence	6
A P Wells l-b-w b Lawrence	9
C M Wells l-b-w b Lawrence	7
*J R T Barclay c Balnbridge b Lawrence	27
I A Greig c Stovold b Lawrence	8
†J Gould c Bainbridge b Lawrence	0
D A Reeve b Bainbridge	1
C E Waller not out	1
A N Jones b Bainbridge	5
Extras (b 9, l-b 9, w 1, n-b 21)	40
Total (50 overs)	141

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–6, 2–36, 3–38, 4–47, 5–117, 6–132, 7–132, 8–133, 9–134, 10–141.

BOWLING: Lawrence 17–2–48–7; Walsh 5.1–0–22–0; Shepherd 12–3–31–0; Curran 6.5–2–13–0; Bainbridge 9–4–9–2

Second Innings

A W Stovold b Reeve	104
P W Romaines c Gould b Reeve	64
A J Wright b Reeve	3
P Bainbridge not out	12
B F Davison not out	1
Extras (l-b 5, n-b 5)	10
Total (3 wkts, 68 overs)	194

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–185 2–189, 3–193.

Bonus points: (todate): Sussex 1, Gloucestershire 5.

Umpires: J H Harris and D G L Evans.

Oxford Univ v Worcs

AT THE PARKS

Worcestershire beat Oxford University by an innings and 22 runs

OXFORD UNIVERSITY: First Innings 105 (R K Illingworth 6 for 9)

Second Innings

*A J T Miller b Patel	72
D A Hagen l-b-w b Patel	46
G J Toogood c Hicks b Illingworth	1
C D M Tooley l-b-w b Illingworth	4
D A Thorne c d'Oliveira b Patel	18
T Patel c d'Oliveira b Illingworth	0
R S Rubenser c d'Oliveira b Illingworth	9
P C MacLarnon st Rhodes b Illingworth	22
†D P Taylor b Illingworth	0
M P Lawrence	4
J G Brettell not out	0
Extras (b 8, l-b 7, w 1, n-b 4)	18
Total	183

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–108 2–117, 3–129, 4–146, 5–151, 6–153, 7–153, 8–162, 9–162, 10–183.

BOWLING: Newport 7–0–24–0; McEwan 5–1–10–0, Illingworth 32.3–10–58–7; Kimber 2–0–14–0; Patel 29–9–52–3; d'Oliveira 6–1–20–0; Hicks 1–1–0–0.

WORCESTERSHIRE: First Innings

T S Curtis c Patel b Thorne	0
M J Weston st Taylor b Brettell	97
D N Patel b Thorne	2
D B d'Oliveira st Taylor b Brettell	3
G A Hicks c MacLaren b Lawrence	33
D A Banks c Brettell b Lawrence	78
P J Newport l-b-w b Thorne	18
†S J Rhodes l-b-w b Thorne	0
R K Illingworth c MacLaren b Lawrence	36
S Kimber not out	14
S McEwan not out	13
Extras (b 7, l-b 11)	18
Total (9 wkts dec)	310

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–1, 2–13, 3–100, 4–115, 5–148, 6–182, 7–196, 8–295, 9–296.

BOWLING: Thorne 22–4–64–4; Toogood 5–0–14–0; Brettell 25–5–87–2; Lawrence 36–8–127–3.

Umpires: P B Wight and H J Rhodes.

No play yesterday

SHEFFIELD: Yorkshire v Essex.

Glamorgan v Middlesex

AT CARDIFF

MIDDLESEX: First Innings 297 for 7 dec (C T Radley 127, P R Downton 67, J G Thomas 4 for 61)

GLAMORGAN: First Innings

J A Hopkins c Radley b Cowans	9
G C Holmes C Downton b Edmonds	7
Younis Ahmed c Downton b Daniel	15
J Derrick b Daniel	5
Javed Miandad not out	35
S P Henderson l-b-w b Cowans	17
†R C Ontong c Cowans	3
J F Steele c Gatting b Cowans	3
J G Thomas c Gatting b Fraser	5
*T Davies c Downton b Fraser	0
S R Barwick b Fraser	4
Extras (b 8, l-b 2, w 1, n-b 3)	14
Total (24 5 overs)	111

FALL OF WICKETS 1–5, 2–34, 3–34, 4–58 5–79, 6–85, 7–98, 8–107 9–107, 10–111

BOWLING Daniel 10–1–38–2; Cowans 12–1–56–5, Fraser 2.5–0–7–3.

Second Innings

J A Hopkins l-b-w B Fraser	3
G C Holmes C Downton b Edmonds	58
Younis Ahmed retired hurt	103
Javed Miandad not out	45
T Davis not out	4
Extras (b2, l-b6, n-b6)	7
Total (2wkts)	220

FALL OF WICKETS 1–29, 2–121

BOWLING

Bonus points: Glamorgan 2 Middlesex 7

Umpires J W Holder and J A Jameson

BLACKBURN: Lancashire second XI 370 for 5 dec (M R Chadwick 173 not out, K A Hayes 53, S T Jefferies 51); Derbyshire second XI 157 for 3 (A M Brown 52).

SWANSEA: Warwickshire second XI 304 for 1 dec (G J Lord 163 not out, W J P Matthews 115 not out); Glamorgan second XI 138 for 1 (P A Cottey 55 not out).

TRENT BRIDGE: Nottinghamshire second XI v Northamptonshire second XI: no play today.

CANTERBURY: Yorkshire 334 (D Byas 111, A Bethel 68, P Booth 50; D Kelleher 5 for 55) and 62 for 3, Kent 287 (S Goldsmith 92, S N V Waterton 67 not out; C Shaw 4 four 88, P Booth 4 four 49).

Leics v Notts

AT LEICESTER

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: First Innings

R T Robinson c Gamham b Briers	94
B C Broad c Butcher b Parsons	70
D W Randall not out	89
P Johnson run b Cook	1
*C E B Rice not out	34
Extras (b6, l-b5, w1, n-b1)	13
Total (1 wkt dec, 53 overs)	185

FALL OF WICKET: 1–107.

BOWLING: Hadlee 5–1–9–0; Saxelby 15–3–45–0; Cooper 13–4–35–0, Hemmings 20–5–84–1.

Bonus points: Leicestershire 2, Nottinghamshire 4.

Umpires: B Leadbetter and K H Lyons.

CYCLING

Hills loom large for Visentini

Jesi, Italy (Reuter) – Orlando Maini won the seventh stage of the Tour of Italy yesterday at the head of a breakaway group of six riders, almost two minutes ahead of the main pack. "I barely recognized myself in the last kilometre", Maini said of the final sprint which put him fractionally ahead of Urs Zimmermann and Marco Giovanetti.

The pursuing group included Roberto Visentini, who retained the leader's pink jersey which he took over at the end of the fourth stage. "We must wait to see what happens in the hill stages in the south", Visentini said afterwards when asked if the Giro was becoming a two-man race between himself and Bernard Hinault.

Yesterday's stage, characterized by steep climbs and descents as the event moved south along the east coast, began with a brief break by Hinault. The group of six pacemakers, who also included Philippe Poissonnier, Dominique Arnaud and Fabrizio Vannucci, took a commanding lead about 100km from the finish. At one point they were more than four minutes ahead, but the pursuing riders gradually narrowed the gap.

Today is a rest day in the 22-stage Giro.

SEVENTH STAGE: Cervia to Jesi 185km (115mi): 1, O Maini (It) 5hrs 10min 41sec; 2, U Zimmermann (swtz), 3, M Giovanetti (It), 4, P Poissonnier (Fr), 5, F Vannucci (It), 6, D Arnaud (Fr), 7, G Saronni (It) 1.52 behind; Overall: 1, R Visentini (It) 38hrs 7min 19sec; 2, B Hinault (Fr) 28sec behind; 3, M Lejarreta (Sp) 1:16 behind; 4, S Mutter (Switz) 1:25 behind; 5, F Moser (It) 1:31 behind; 6, H Belz (Switz) 2:04 behind; 7, G LeMond (US) 2:09 behind.

COMPANY NEWS IN BRIEF

- MONKS INVESTMENT TRUST: Final 1.3p, making 2.4p (2.4p) for year to April 30. Figures in £000. Gross investment income 4,122 (4,320). Pretax revenue 2,825 (2,613).
- ASSOCIATED BRITISH PORTS: Mr J. K. Stuart, the chairman, told the annual meeting that profits from the ports are encouraging. All the signs are that trading performance in the first half of this year, before the cost of severances, will compare well with the first six months of last year.
- HOME COUNTIES NEWSPAPERS: Mr R. W. S. Gibbs, the chairman, told the annual meeting that profits were lower than for the comparable period last year. He saw no reason to change the view that profits for the half-year would fall.
- ALEXANDRA WORKWEAR: The annual meeting was told that after 14 weeks orders, sales and production all show good increases and continue to confirm expectations that this will be a year of significant progress.
- WOODCHESTER INVESTMENTS: Dividend 6.5p (5p) for the year to March 31. (Figures in £000). Gross revenue 3,625 (1,881). Profit before tax 901 (501). Tax 23 (40). Extraordinary debit 73 (72 credit). Basic earnings per ordinary 26.12p (16.7p) and fully diluted per ordinary and A ordinary 21.97p (16.21p).
- CONTROL SECURITIES: The company has entered into an agreement with Zelva, for the purchase of the Manchester wholesale centre for £5.7 million. Consideration will be satisfied as to £1.5 million by payment in cash and as to the balance by the issue to Zelva of 9 million new Control ordinary shares.
- The National Dairy Council, who are ending their sponsorship of football's Milk Cup, are to scrutinize their support for the Milk Cup Race, which is due to start in Bournemouth on Sunday. The NDC are reassessing their sports sponsorship and turning to schools athletics.

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TENNIS

Withdrawal by Shaw starts a controversy



Shaw: out of Queen's

Stephen Shaw has withdrawn from the Stella Artois £186,000 tournament at Queen's Club, London, from June 10 to 16 because he is needed for the Davis Cup tie against Portugal later the same week.

The tournament director, Clive Bernstein, has blamed Britain's team manager, Paul Hutchins, for the withdrawal, which was announced yesterday. Bernstein said: "I am extremely disappointed and not a little saddened that Stephen has been denied the opportunity to compete on merit wih the very best in the world. For Stephen to have met with a Connors, Curren or Cash on grass in front of his home crowd would, it seems to me, have ensured he was razor-sharp for the Davis Cup tie."

But Hutchins hit back angrily, saying: "I find Clive Bernstein's comment about me being responsible for Stephen Shaw's withdrawal from Queen's club bordering on the distasteful.

"I informed Clive Bernstein in writing that Stephen Shaw would not be playing at Queen's as the Davis Cup tie is due the same week. While players could get to the Davis Cup match in Nottingham if they lost early at Queen's I could have the situation, due to bad weather or players winning through to latter rounds, whereby they could miss the match."

He added: "stephen asked me if he could play both Queen's and the Davis Cup but fully understood when I said I couldn't take the risk."

"Surely it is not asking much for a British company to support professional plans to win a Davis Cup tie for Great Britain."

Maleeva through

Lugano (AFP) – Manuela Maleeva, of Bulgaria, reached the quarter-finals of a women's tournament here yesterday, dropping only three games to Italy's Raffaela Reggi

Casal prevails

Florence (AP) – Sergio Casal, of Spain, knocked out the top seed, Aaron Krickstein, of the United States, 3-6, 6-4, 6-4, on Wednesday to move into the third round of the international tournament of Florence.

Meanwhile, in the conclusion of the first round, Jimmy Brown, of the US, a runner-up on the clay courts here last year, ousted Guillermo Vilas, of Argentina, 6-4, 6-0.

YACHTING

Reliving old times on a journey to Loch Fyne

By John Nicholls

The loss of its original sponsor, Tomatin Distillers, appears to have had no effect on the popularity of Scotland's principal offshore event, now known as the Scottish series. Over 200 yachts have again entered for the five races, the first of which, an overnight race to Tarbert, Loch Fyne, started from three places yesterday evening.

The bulk of the entries left from Gourock, on the Clyde, and smaller fleets set off from Belfast Lough and Dublin Bay. All will meet up in the hostelries of Tarbert this evening to relive their races and renew acquaintances from previous years. It is the sort of event that draws people back time after time. One Englishman has entered for the eighth time, determined to catch the judges' eyes this year.

As usual the overall trophy will be presented to the yachts that, in the judges' opinion, have put up the best performance in the series. This usually means the clear-cut winner of one of the 10 classes, ranging from IOR racing yachts to family cruisers. Over the years, a wide variety of boats has won, last year it was Balthazar, a new half-tonner which went on to represent Britain in the class world championship.

Regrettably, the passing of the original sponsor has meant the event has lost some continuity and a new trophy will now be presented. The principal sponsor this year is the Highlands and Islands Development Board.

POLO

Devils gallop

The high goal season opened at Smith's Lawn, Windsor, yesterday with an exciting duel for the Abela Cup between Ingwenya (received 2) and Des Diables Bleus (John Watson writes).

Ingwenya fought hard round the Devils' goalmouth in the first chukka. Howard Hipwood, their number 3, opening their account with a 60-yard penalty shot. Patrick Churchward then came through from back to make it 4-0.

With a goal from Gracida, two from Jesus Baez and one from Prince Charles, the Devils drew level at 5-5. By treading-in time they were leading 7-6. Ingwenya held on to win 12-11.

GOLF

Waite and Johnson must find fire in crucial match

By John Hennessy

Claire Waite, the holder, faces the formidable challenge of Patricia Johnson in the third round of the English Women's Amateur Championship, sponsored by Max Factor, at Ferndown this morning.

This would have made an ideal final tomorrow with Miss Waite pitted against a younger opponent of rare potential, but alas Miss Johnson's waywardness at two disastrous holes in Wednesday's stroke-play placed them in the same half of the draw.

Miss Waite's reputation as the best amateur player in the world in 1984, according to United States opinion, should foreshadow a victory now, but Miss Johnson has proved a substantial adversary in the past. She has won twice in three individual matches, the most recent only two weeks ago in a county match. Playing for Glamorgan on her own course, Pyle and Kenfig, she beat Miss Waite (Wiltshire) 2 and 1.

Both played well yesterday to be about 3 under par for the holes played. Miss Waite excelled particularly in the morning against Rosalynd Page (Henbury), but the bloom faded marginally after lunch. Hilary Kaye, the Hertfordshire champion, kept pace with her for five holes, but went to pieces when the clubhouse came into view. Miss Watie won three holes in a row without having to produce anything heroic and there could now be only one result.

Miss Waite recorded an eagle-3 at the 427-yard ninth, an achievement emulated by Miss Johnson in the afternoon by means of a stupendous drive and a glorious seven-iron. She won the 10th to go four up against Christine Nelson (Hendon) and the match came to an abrupt end at the 13th.

It would add spice to today's golf if Miss Waite and Miss Johnson showered each other with fire and brimstone, but they went instead to the practice ground to offer each other words of coaching wisdom. Some people have no sense of occasion.

Karen Mitchell, a coltish Worthing player, is the youngest survivor at 16. She justified her reputation as a short-game magician by using only 29 putts to beat Nicola McCormack (Porters Park) on the 18th green in the second round.

FIRST ROUND: C Waite bt R Page 6 and 5; H Kaye bt S Prosser 3 and 2; C Nelson bt C Hayllar 5 and 3; P Johnson bt P Smillie 3 and 2; N McCormack bt S Cohen 7 and 5; K Mitchell bt M Carr 3 and 2; C Macintosh bt J Thornhill retired hurt; L Fairclough bt C Griffiths 3 and 2; L Bayman bt M Gallagher 4 and 3; J Fernley bt T Hammond 2 and 1; C Hall bt C Stirling one hole; S Moorcraft bt C Pierce 2 and 1; C Swallow bt L Percival 3 and 2; J Hill bt J Walker 3 and 2; L Waring bt D Christison and 3 and 2; S Lowe bt C Caldwell 4 and 3.

SECOND ROUND: Waite bt Kaye 5 and 4; Johnson bt Nelson 6 and 5; Mitchell bt McCormack, one hole; Macintosh bt Fairclough, 2 and 1; Bayman bt Fernley 3 and 2; Hall bt Moorcraft 5 and 4; Swallow bt Hill 3 and 2; Lowe bt Waring two holes.

Ballesteros on his bike

By Mitchell Platts

Severiano Ballesteros, apparently unimpressed by his own astonishing record, which includes winning the Open and US Masters each on two occasions, moves into the Whyte and Mackay PGA championship, starting at Wentworth today, with one ambition: "I want to become a better golfer than I am now."

To support his comments Ballesteros revealed that he had been pedalling furiously along the hilly roads of northern Spain for the past 10 days in an effort to strengthen his legs. He said: "The great golfers, like Nicklaus and Watson are particularly strong. I have noticed, and for some time, that I have a tendency to lose my balance when swinging. So I decided that it was important to strengthen my legs. I had not ridden a bike for 15 years but already I feel much fitter and stronger."

The absence of Nick Faldo and Bernhard Langer, the former playing in America and the latter resting at home in Germany, because the sponsors refused to pay them appearance money, has possibly provided Ballesteros with an easier opportunity to win than he might have expected.

The Spaniard, however, is a master of Wentworth's famous "Burma Road" course – he has won on four of his last five visits including three world match-play championships – and so it would be difficult to oppose him anyway. Coral, the bookmakers, have installed Ballesteros as their 3-1 favourite with Sandy Lyle (6-1) and Sam Torrance (8-1)

FOOTBALL

Robson hopes faith will heal ailing England

By Stuart Jones, Football Correspondent

Although England failed to beat Finland for the first time in Wednesday's World Cup qualifying tie, Bobby Robson plans to make few, if any alterations to his side for tomorrow's game against Scotland. Rather than picking more holes in their confidence, he would prefer to repair the damage inflicted by their rugged, muscular hosts in Helsinki.

But he first had to await the result of Coventry City's fight for first division survival last night. He was aware that Steven might be required on Sunday by Everton, who would be forced to select their strongest line-up for their game with Coventry if the fate of Coventry or Norwich City was at stake. He nominated Hoddle as Steven's understudy.

Hateley, the scorer of England's equalizer, Wilkins and Steven are suffering the effects of several of the numerous hefty collisions in Helsinki, but are expected to be available. Even so, it is already clear that England will be anything but fresh when they fly off for their gruelling tour of Mexico and the United States next week.

Finland, inspired by the start given to them by the huge Rantanen, were awkward and demanding opposition, particularly during the first half. Relaxing at England's Troon headquarters in readiness for tomorrow's match, Robson admitted that the spectacle was not attractive.

"The game, as Pele once said, is beutiful. But if Steve Davis is lining up a snooker shot and somebody nudges him, he won't pot the ball. It is no longer a beautiful game."

The Finns, most of whom looked as though they had enjoyed the benefit of a lengthy and strenuous body-building course, began by knocking England over and went on to continually nudge them off off line. Even when Hateley potted England's goal, he had to withstand a rigorous challenge to stay on his intended course.

Although Robson thought that Steven's performance was his best "by far", he withdrew Everton's young representative a dozen minutes from the end because "his legs were going and he seemed a little tired. Anyway, I fancied Waddle's chances against that big, fat number five", a description that may not please Nieminen, Finland's left back.

Using brown and white sugar cubes to illustrate a tactical point, he pointed out that "their number 10, a will-o'-the-wisp player," was given too much room before the interval. Once Wilkins followed instructions to restrict him, so cutting off most of Finland's supply, England began to prosper.

"We were wobbly in a couple of positions in the opening stages," Robson conceded, without naming Fenwick and Anderson. "But we recovered, created the more chances, and should have won. We would have, if the game had gone on for another 20 minutes."

Steven was not the only figure to be seen wearing a coat of fatigue towards the end of an unreasonably exhausting season. Bryan Robson, in a display that was arguably his least effective in an England shirt, appeared to be running through a field of glue, and only Francis, provoking memories of two years ago, was unmistakably lively. It is genuinely disturbing that Bobby Robson's representatives will have little more than a month's rest during the summer before they return to a League programme that is physically the most wearing in the world. By the time they go back to Mexico, as they are almost sure to do next year, they will doubtless be in similar shape.

● Davie Cooper, the Rangers winger, has pulled out of Scotland's squad for tomorrow's Hampden game against England and the World Cup qualifying match in Iceland next Tuesday.



Hateley flies in the face of Houtsonen (Photograph: Frank Baron)

Jubilation apparent after Real defeat

Madrid (Reuter) – Real Madrid's 1-0 home defeat in the UEFA Cup final on Wednesday did not dampen the celebrations following the club's first European trophy win since 1966. Supporters celebrated until dawn yesterday, honking car horns, swigging champagne and waving the white flag of the Real club.

"Again the Great of Europe", the headline in *As*, the daily sports paper, said, "White Apotheosis" *ABC* headlined several pages of report yesterday morning.

Majer scored the only goal of the game in the 86th minute, too late to give Videoton, from the Hungarian resort town of Szekesfehrvar, any hope of overhauling Real's 3-0 lead from the first leg.

Afte Juanito came on for Valdano at the start of the second half, Real took control, but their pressure went unrewarded. They twice had the ball in the net, but the Belgian referee, Alex Ponnet, ruled them offside. Peter Disztl further frustrated the Spaniards with three fine saves, then Majer struck from outside the penalty area.

Real Madrid's manager, Luis Molowny, told reporters after the match that he wished the side had won in style. "Sure, it's a shame they beat us but the most important thing is that we won the title," he said. "This is a very happy night."

REAL MADRID: Miguel Angel; Chendo, Stielike, Camacho, Sanchis; San Jose, Butragueno, Michel, Santillana, Gallego, Valdano (sub, Juanito).

VIDEOTON: P Disztl; Csuhay (sub, Palkovics), Horvath, L Disztl, Vegh, Burcsa, Majer, Wittman, Szabo, Vadasz, Novath.

Referee: Ponnet (Belgium).

Shearer agrees

Duncan Shearer, aged 23, who scored 27 goals for Chelsea reserves last season has signed a new one-year contract for the club. But Joey Jones, Chelsea's Welsh international defender, has rejected a one-year contract offer.

Liverpool in talks with Allen

Paul Allen met the Liverpool manager, Joe Fagan, on Wednesday to discuss a £600,000 transfer to Anfield. Although Tottenham Hotspur have also shown an interest in the 22-year-old West Ham United player, Liverpool want him to strengthen their midfield when they attempt to regain the League championship next season.

Allen's contract with West Ham expires this summer and he has already turned down the club's offer of a new four-year contract. The team left London for a tour of Japan today, but Allen, who missed the last four matches of the season because of influenza, did not go with them.

Steve Nicol is expected to move to full back when Phil Neal, the Liverpool captain, retires, leaving an inviting vacancy for Allen, who was the youngest player ever to appear in an FA Cup Final when West Ham beat Arsenal in 1980. Neither Fagan nor John Lyall, the West Ham manager, were available for comment yesterday.

FOR THE RECORD

FOOTBALL

HUNGARIAN LEAGUE: Pecs 3, Tatabanya 2; BP Honved 2, Debrecan 1; MTK VM 2, VS Vasas 1; Eger 3, Ujest Dozsa 1; Ferencvarcs 5, Raba Eto 2; Bekescsaba 3, Szeol AK 2; ZTE 1, Haladas 1.

Leading standings:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
BP Honved	26	17	5	4	52	21	39
Videoton	23	13	6	6	38	21	32
Raba Eto	26	12	6	8	45	44	30
Csepel	26	10	8	7	21	15	30
Zalaegerszegh	26	10	7	9	33	30	27

EAST GERMAN LEAGUE: Motor Suhl 0, Dynamo Berlin 8; Vorwaerts Frankfurt 5, Dynamo Dresden 2; Chemie Leipzig 0, Lok Leipzig 1; Wismut Aue 2, Stahl Brandenburg 1; Magdeburg 6, Hansa Rostock 3; Stahl Riesa 2, Rot-Weiss Erfurt 2; Carl Zeiss Jena 4, Karl-Marx-Stadt 2.

DUTCH LEAGUE: Feyenoord Rotterdam 3, MVV Maastricht 1. Cup, semi-final replay: PSV Eindhoven 2, Utrecht 2 (aet, Utrecht won on penalties).

FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Tottenham H 1, Birmingham City 1.

COMBINED COUNTIES LEAGUE: Malden Vale 2, Chobham 1. Malden Vale win championship.

CYCLING

CERVIA: Tour of Italy: Sixth day: (232 km from Vittorio Veneto) (Italians unless stated): 1, F Honda (Swi) 6hr 19min 17sec; 2, P Rooks; 3, U Freuler (Switz); 4, J van der Velde (Neth); 5, R Hofedltz (WG); 6, P Gambirasio; 7, R Pagnin; 8, P Gavazzi, same time. Overall standings: 1, R Visentini 30hr 54min 43sec; 2, B Hinault (Fr), at 28sec; 3, M Lejarreta (Sp), 116sec; 4, B Muller (Switz), 125sec; 5, F Moser, 181sec; 6, H Seiz (Switz), 204sec; 7, G Lemond (US), 209sec; 8, G B Baronchelli, 234sec; 9, S Contini, 246sec; 10, H Meyer (Austria), 249sec.

NEUBRANDENBURG: West Germany: Prague –Warsaw–Berlin Peace Race: Final stage: (130km): 1, U Rab (EG) 2hr 56.49min; 2, F Boden (EG) at 0.04min; 3, U Ampler (EG) at 0.07; 4, P Bartkowiak (Pol) at 0.10; 5, J Philipp (Fr); 6, A Norcsad (Cz); 7, N Varin (It); 8, D Herzbert (WG); 9, C Hann (WG); 10, C Bomans (Bel), all same time. British stage placings: 21, M Gornall, at 0.10min; 23, K Morgan; 57, J Davison; 91, M Eadon; 92, K Clarke, all same time. Final overall positions: 1, L Piasecki (Pol) 39hr 45.07min; 2, A Mierzejewski (Pol) at 1.47min; 3, U Ampler (EG) at 1.57; 4, F Boden (EG) 2.07; 5, J Skoda (Cz) 2.24; 6, P Ugryumev (USSR) 2.40; 7, U Raab (EG) 2.51; 8, P Petrov (Bul) 2.58; 9, M Jarco (Cz) 3.02; 10, N Stalkov (Bul) 3.52. Final overall team positions: 1, Soviet Union 122hr 28.08min; 2, East Germany at 2.05min; 3, Czechoslovakia 3.48; 4, Poland 7.31; 5, Bulgaria 16.31; 6, Denmark 24.16; 7, Sweden 26.33; 8, Netherlands 37.37; 9, West Germany 57.33; 10, France 59.06.

GOLF

MOOR HALL: British Olivetti women's tournament: First round: (GB and Ireland unless stated): 68: D Heinicke (US); B Lunsford (US); D Reid; G Stewart. 71: M Saenz (Col); M Thomson; K Ehmlund (Swe); T Fernando (Sri Lanka); K Hurley. 72: L Castillo (US); A Nicholes; K Lunn (Aus); K Douglas; J Brown. 73: S Mackenzie (Aus); J Forrest; R Comstock (US); J Connachan; C Langford; V Marvin; F Dassu (It); C Sharp; S Duhig; P Price.

MOOR HALL: British Olivetti womens professional tournament: Second round (GB and Ireland unless stated): 142: G Stewart 74, 68. 144: J Brown 72, 72. 146: J L Smith 72, 74. 148: K Douglas 77, 72. 150: C Dibnah (Aus) 72, 78. 151: S Duhig, 78, 73; J Smith 73, 78; D Dowling 77, 74. 152: S Studwick 78, 73. 154: J W Smith 80, 74. 156: B Boozer Snr (US) 78, 78; J Smurthwaite 77, 79. 158: S Bamford 77, 79.

CRICKET

Schools matches: Chigwell 116, *Forest 118-3; *ICE, Wimbledon 120, St George's, Weybridge 125-2. *denotes home team.

TENNIS

PADDINGTON: Prudential International tournament (GB unless stated). MEN: Singles, quarter-finals: B Knapp bt S Botfield 4-6, 6-1 6-1; L Alfred bt J Feaver 6-1, 7-5; D Masedorp (SA) bt H McGuinness 6-4, 6-2; R Dryerdale bt R Carmichael (Aus) 7-6, 6-3. WOMEN: Singles, quarter-finals: K Brasher bt J Reeves 6-0, 6-1; A Zhong (China) bt A Danila (Rom) 6-1, 4-1 rtd; X Li (China) bt C Trocan (Rom) 6-7, 6-1, 6-4; L Pennington bt C Pollard 6-4, 6-3.

FLORENCE: Men's tournament: first round: K Evernden (NZ) bt D Cassidy (US) 6-2, 6-2; J Brown (US) bt G Vilas (Arg) 6-4, 6-0. Second round: M Dickson (US) bt P Elter (WG) 6-3, 6-3; L Duncan (US) bt A Gonzalez 7-6 (7-3), 7-6 (7-2); S Casal (Sp) bt A Kriskstein (US) 3-6, 6-4, 6-4.

LUGANO: Women's European open tournament: Second round: G Sabatini (Arg) bt R Uys (SA) 6-0, 6-1; M Maleeva (Bul) bt M Skuherska (Cz) 6-2, 6-1; K Rinaldi (US) bt P Jauch-Delhees (Switz) 5-7, 6-3, 6-1; B Bunge (WG) bt C Jolissaint (Switz) 6-3, 6-2; H Sukova (Cz) bt S Mascarin (US) 3-6, 7-6, 6-0; S Hantze (WG) bt M Groat (Can) 6-1, 6-1; T Phelps (US) bt B Herr (US) 6-4, 7-5; A-M Cecchini (It) bt M Torres (US) 6-2, 6-2. C Karlsson (Swe) bt M J Fernandez (US) 6-3, 4-6, 6-4; A Kanellopoulous (Greece) bt I Budarova (Cz) 6-7, 7-6, 7-6; B Gadusek (US) bt E Inoue (Japan) 6-3, 6-4; R Reggi (It) bt L Drescher (Switz) 3-6, 6-1, 7-6; A M Cecchini (It) bt M Torres (US) 6-2, 6-2. Quarter-finals: S Hantze (WG) bt C Karlsson (Swe) 7-6, 6-4; M Maleeva (Bul) bt R Reggi (It) 6-2, 6-1; K Rinaldi (US) bt A M Cecchini (It) 6-3, 6-0; B Gadusek (US) bt T Phelps (US) 6-1, 6-1; K Horvath (US) bt A Kanellopoulos (Gr) 6-1, 6-2; G Sabatina (Arg) bt A Minter (Aust) 6-3, 6-4.

BASEBALL

NORTH AMERICA: American League: Toronto Blue Jays 10, Chicago White Sox 0; Milwaukee Brewers 6, Cleveland Indians 5; Kansas City Royals 8, Texas Rangers 3; Boston Red Sox 4, Minnesota Twins 3; Seattle Mariners 4, New York Yankees 1; Detroit Tigers 3, California Angels 2; Baltimore Orioles 5, Oakland Athletics 0. National League: St Louis Cardinals 5, Atlanta Braves 3; Chicago Cubs 7, Cincinnati Reds 4; Los Angeles Dodgers 4, Montreal Expos 0; San Diego Padres 5, New York Mets 4; San Francisco Giants 6, Philadelphia Phillies 2; Houston Astros 5, Pittsburgh Pirates 3.

SPEEDWAY

CRADLEY HEATH: World championship: British semi-final: Qualifiers: A Grahame (Oxford) 14; K Tatum (Coventry) 13; S Gray (Cradley Heath) 12; C Morton (Belle Vue) 12; A Smith (Belle Vue) 11; L Collins (Sheffield) 8; A Grahame (Cradley Heath) 8; D Jessup (Kings Lynn) 7.

BASKETBALL

UNITED STATES: National Association (NBA): Semi-final play-offs: Boston Celtics 102, Philadelphia 76ers 100 (Celtics win best-of-seven series 4-1); Los Angeles Lakers 153, Denver Nuggets 109 (Lakers win series 4-1).

WEIGHTLIFTING

KATOWICE: European Championships: Flyweight (up to 52 kg): 1, S Marinov (Bul) 110 (snatch) + 140 (clean and jerk) 250kg (total); 2, I Barbeczi (Hun) (100 + 127.5) 227.5; 3, M Jakob (Rom) (105 + 120) 225. Bantamweight (56kg): 1, N Terzinski (Bul) (120 + 160) 280kg; 2, O Marzojan (USSR) (117.5 + 152.5) 270; 3, F Mavlue (Eth) (122.5 + 147.5) 270; 4, H Holman (EG) (112.5 + 142.5) 255).

KATOWICE, Poland: European championships: Flyweight (52 kg) division: 1, S Marinov (Bul) 250kg; 2, I Babarci (Hun) 227.5; 3, T Jakob (Ross) 225; 4, J Saez (Sp) 220; 5, S Lefebo (Pol) 215; 6, J-N Mietta (Fr) 210.

VOLLEYBALL

MIYAZAKI: International match: Soviet Union bt Japan, 15-9, 15-8, 15-5.

IN BRIEF

Purpose-built stadium for Southend

Southend could be moving to a new purpose-built stadium and all-year round sporting complex with seating for 20,000. The fourth division club are negotiating with Essex County Council and a major public company to turn Roots Hall – their home for 30 years – into a shopping complex. The new stadium is earmarked for a site near Southend airport.

GOLF: Jenny Lee Smith, from Newcastle, the holder, set the early pace with a second round of 72 for a two over par halfway aggregate of 148 in the 72 holes £15,000 British Olivetti tournament at Moor Hall, Warwickshire yesterday.

RUGBY UNION: Peter Dods scored a Scottish record 43 individual points as Scotland, with 13 tries without reply, completed their five-game North American tour by beating Alberta 79-0. Dods scored four tries, kicked 12 conversions and one penalty goal.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

CRICKET

Tour match (11.0-6.0)

LORD'S: MCC v Australians

Britannic Assurance county championship (11.0-6.0)

CHESTERFIELD: Derbys v Lancs

CARDIFF: Glamorgan v Middlesex

LEICESTERSHIRE: Leicestershire v Notts

NORTHAMPTON: Northants v Kent

TAUNTON: Somerset v Hampshire

HOVE: Sussex v Gloucs

EDGBASTON: Warwicks v Surrey

SHEFFIELD: Yorkshire v Essex

Other match (11.0-6.0)

OXFORD: Oxford University v Worcs

SECOND ELEVEN CHAMPIONSHIP: Chelmsford Essex v Surrey, Swansea: Glamorgan v Warwickshire. Bristol: Gloucestershire v Somerset. Canterbury: Kent v Yorkshire. EAST Lancashire CC: Lancashire v Derbyshire. Winslamore Hill CC: Middlesex v Leicestershire. TRENT BRIDGE: Nottinghamshire v Northamptonshire. Eastbourne: Sussex v Hampshire.

OTHER SPORT

GOLF: Whyte & Mackay PGA championships (at Wentworth); British Olivetti women's tournament (at Moor Hall GC, Sutton Coldfield); Max Factor English ladies' closed amateur championships (at Ferndown GC); Grafton Morrish Trophy – Scotland qualifying round (at Brunstane, Edinburgh); Tilman Trophy (at Woodhall Spa).

TENNIS: Paddington tournament (at Paddington).

YACHTING: Scottish off-shore series: Cowes-Deauville race.

HOCKEY: European Club championship, B Division (at Banbury).

EQUESTRIANISM: Windsor Horse Trials.

SPEEDWAY: League Cup: Oxford v Swindon (7.45). National League: Wimbledon v Leicester (7.45); Glasgow v Milton Keynes (7.30); Birmingham v Rye House (7.30); Edinburgh v Hackney (7.15).

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FOOTBALL

Late goal keeps Coventry alive

By Clive White

Coventry City 1
Luton Town 0

A goal seven minutes from the death – almost literally – by the giant Kilcline at Highfield Road last night keeps Coventry City still breathing first division air for another three days at least. Now they must beat Everton, the League champions, on Sunday morning to commit Norwich City to the Second division.

From the start there was no evidence that Luton were going to lie down before their opponents. It is not often that Luton are such a relatively luxurious League position where they can actually enjoy the game and not fear defeat.

They look bronzed and relaxed after a week off in Cyprus and were able to find a rhythm more easily and quickly than Coventry, who were like an overwound clock spring. Nwajiobi twice, Stein and Hill each gave reason for Coventry to feel their hearts in their mouths in the first half.

Sealey the Luton goalkeeper, who spent most of his career at Coventry, threatened to show this evening of all evenings what the locals had been missing. His reflexes when going down to hold a Hibbitt corner that glanced dangerously off the head of a Luton team-mate, Warford, were hard to believe for Coventry people.

Later in the opening half, he again stood his ground against Adams. The former England youth international fired a shot straight at him from five yards after Gibson had nodded on a hooked cross by Butterworth. A mis-hit shot would have been enough to score.

Coventry came out for the second half as though their very lives rather than a few livelihoods depended upon the result. Don MacKay, their manager, must have said something quite terrifying to them. Adams, who had suddenly come to life, darted inside his full back in the first minute and thumped over a cross which Regis set up nicely for Bennett. His lashing drive was booted straight out again by Foster and the ball rebounded fiercely off Gibson's legs and just past the post.

Coventry's furious commitment to attack naturally left them vulnerable to a goal, or at the very least a heart attack. There was a Luton breakaway of coronary proportions nine minutes after the interval when Stein put Nwajiobi throug into a superb position, but he carelessly drove wide. When more than a suggestion of handball by Luton's Breacker in the penalty area went ignored by the referee right under his nose, Coventry must have felt the cold hand tightening its grip on their shoulder.

COVENTRY CITY: S Ogrizovic; I Butterworth, S Pearce, K Hibbitt, B Kilcline, T Peake, D Bennett, L McGrath, C Regis, T Gibson, M Adams.
LUTON TOWN: L Sealey; C Breacker, M Thomas, P Nicholas, S Foster, M Donaghy, R Hill, B Stein, M Harford, E Nwajiobi, D Preece.
Referee: M Scott (Nottingham).

Last night's results

FIRST DIVISION: Coventry 1, Luton 0; Everton 1, Liverpool 0.

SKIING

Racers look for more advertising

Basle (Reuter) – The 35th Congress of the International Ski Federation (FIS) is under presure to allow even more advertising on competitors' clothing and equipment. The demands of many leading alpine skiers for a relaxation of the rules on advertising in World Cup events are expected to be foremost among the 58 points debated at the congress in Vancouver from May 26 to June 1.

The FIS president, Marc Hodler, and the veteran World Cup organizer, Serge Lang, propose to give the skiers an increased proportion of th commercial income available to the sport. The proposal followed a recent meeting with the World Cup holder, Marc Girardelli of Luxemourg, the world downhill champion and cup runner-up, Pirmin Zurbriggen of Switzerland, and Andreas Wenzel of Liechtenstein.

The proposal is for racers to have the right to wear the names and logos of three advertisers in five different places on goggles, gloves, helmets or caps, and anoraks. They will have to pay their national associations 2,000 Swiss francs (about £600) an item of advertising in a race, keeping the rest of any revenue for themselves. Sponsors can be changed from race to race and advertising panels must not exceed 15 square cms.

The Zurich periodical *Sport* has published an open letter to Hodler and the FIS executive council signed by 15 leading alpine skiers. The signatories, including Michela Figini, Peter Müller and Zurbriggen (Switzerland) and Maria Epple and Markus Wasmaier (West Germany), welcomed the initiatives towards liberalizing the advertising rules, but they recommended their expansion to include advertisements from personal sponsors on the start numbers of the first 15 skiers on the FIS points lists. They said they were convinced that only such measures could be a constructive and positive alternative to moves to organize a new world professional circuit.

The congress will also discuss the inclusion of the "super-giant", a mixture of slalom and downhill, as a new discipline for men and women in the 1987 world championships in Crans Montana, combination events in the 1988 Calgary Winter Olympics and a new formula for the alpine World Cup.

The congress is due to select a host country for the 1989 alpine and norcid world championships. Kranjske Gora (Yugoslavia), Vail (United States) and Jasna (Czechoslovakia) are vying to stage the alpine events and Lahti (Finland), Autrans (France), Val di Fiemme (Italy) and Thunder Bay (Canada) for the Nordic races.

Also on the agenda is a recommendation by a working party of norcic expets to ban the controversial "skating step" in long-distance races.

TSB club event

A Scottish amateur tournament culminating in a pro-am at the Glasgow open on August 6, is to be sponsored by TSB Scotland.

RACING

Busy Cauthen to complete Haydock double

By Mandarin

Northern racegoers will have the opportunity of seeing Steve Cauthen, the reigning champoion jockey, in action twice today as the American rider is putting in some overtime at Pontefract's evening meeting following several promising rides at Haydock Park.

Cauthen teams up with two of Henry Cecil's hopes at Haydock Park, **Lyphard Chimes** (3.0) and **Polar Cub** (4.0), who run in Sheidh Mohammed's colours, and with the Warren Place stable in such good form just now another double looks on the cards.

Lyphard Chimes, who contests the Willows Stakes, was a trifle disappointing at Epsom last time out when managing only third place behind Unmistakable, but this expensive Lyphard colt looks capable of improvement and is preferred to another Newmarket challenger Mr McGregor.

Polar Club made a promising start to his career when running the more experienced Chiclet to a head at Windsor recently, when the third horse wa eight lengths back, and this Northern Baby colt is taken to go one better in the Newton Maiden Stakes.

Another Newmarket triner Alec Stewat could be on the mark with Nazeeh in the John Davies Handicap. This attractive colt won at Brighton and Warwick last season and shaped nicelyt when sixth behind Hooligan at Thirsk.

However, the best bet of the day should be in the last race at Pontefract where **Pacific Gold** has a first-class chance of opening his account in the six-furlong Cedar Maiden Stakes.

Ben Hanbury's colt, who was trained last term by Eric Eldin, ran encouragingly on several occasions as a juvenile, including a second to Local Suitor at York.

This season he was not disgraced when third behind Henry Cecil's smart sprinter Abha at Newmarket and followed up by setting a good gallop in the 2,000 Guineas when he stayed on pluckily for sixth place. Now back to six furlongs, Pacific Gold should have the measure of Thirsty and Panel.

Midnight Tiger was a fluent scorer at Brighton before failing in the Italian Derby and the Tom Jones-trained three-year-old should successfully concede 9lb to Lysander, on which Cauthen is likely to put up overweight. Lysander never looked happy when finishing a distant eighth behind Chance Ina Million in thumdery conditions at York.

Geoff Huffer's horses are in grand form and his Loredana should carry on the good work in the Millbrae Handicap at Ayr.

Swinburn back with a smile

By John Karter

On an afternoon much more befitting to the Glorious Goodwood tag than Wednesday's dank and dismal offering, the smile returned to Walter Swinburn's face when he made his comeback after three weeks' suspension to ride Bella Colora to victory in the Sheraton Park Tower Lupe Stakes.

Bookmaker reaction was to cut Bella Colora's Oaks odds from 12-1 to between 7-1 and 8-1, despite the fact that she has yet to be declared a certain runner in the race.

Michael Stoute, her trainer, did not bother to make the trip from Newmarket and all a stable representative would divulge was an earth shattering: "It's up to the guv'nor."

Indeed, the most positive news to emerge after yesterday's trial came from John Dunlop, whose runner, I Want To Be, failed to show her form after coming into season earlier in the afternoon. Dunlop announced that Lester Piggott had "offered his services" for Dance Machine in the Oaks. Piggott rode the filly to finish third behind Merle in the Sir Charles Clore Memorial Stakes at Newbury and Dunlop believed she would have won that race had she enjoyed better luck in running.

Dunlop's other Oaks runner, Kiliniski, is due to be ridden by Brian Rouse, who won the Lingfield Oaks trial on her. However, if Dick Hern does not have a runner, Willie Carson will take over. Yesterday's result, in fact, boosted the prospects of Kiliniski, who looks fair each-way value at 20-1. Goody Blake, who finished second, beaten two and a half lengths by Bella Colora, had finished almost seven lengths behind Kiliniski at Lingfield.



Bella Colora clear of her Goodwood rivals (Photograph: Chris Cole)

The shorter Prix de Diane (*French Oaks*) was the alternative mooted for Bella Colora, the widespread feeling being that she will not stay the mile and a half at Epsom. Indeed, when asked his opinion afterwards, Swinburn did not exactly exude confidence in Bella Colora's stamina.

However, that much revered publication *Timeform*, says that Bella Colora will be better over middle distances.

How often after a race does a trainer say something that makes an apparently unbackable winner look like a lay-down certainty in retrospects. After the victory on Ardrox Lad in the other valuable event on the card, the Racecline Handicap, Michael Blanshard, the trainer, pointed out that this was the first time Nick Adams, his apprentice, had ridden the horse this season. Adams won twice on the horse last year, but senior jockeys had since taken over.

Add to this a bit of bad luck in running in his last race and unsuitable ground the time before that and you have the perfect recipe for finding a 12-1 winner.

Adams just managed to cajole Ardrox Lad to hold off the hungry pack snapping at his heels, but in the Kincsem Handicap later in the afternoon he saw the other side of Dame Fortune.

Riding Tugboat, Adams realized he was not going to catch the all-the-way winner, Moon Mariner, half a furlong from home and eased up to such an extent he lost second place to Accuracy on the line. The moment of carlessness led to the stewards relieving him of £75 of his earlier earnings.

The afternoon began with a success by Guy Harwood's two-year-old, Cliveden, in the EBF Halmaker Stakes. Cliveden came from a long way back to collar Meet The Greek near the line and Harwood rates him highly enough to make the Coventry Stakes at Royal Ascot his next port of call.

Huffer's York appeal upheld

Geoff Huffer, the Newmarket trainer, yesterday won his appeal against the disqualification of Princess Cariole at York last week. After an inquiry at Portman Square the Jockey Club's disciplinary committee reversed the decision of the local stewards who had relegated the filly to second place in the *Mail on Sunday* handicap after an objection by Brent Thomson.

Thomson had finished half a length second on Chapel Light, but objected to Princess Cariole, ridden by Pat Eddery, for causing interference three furlongs out.

Controversy surrounded the race because in a television interview beforehand Huffer said he thought Princess Cariole had no chance, but afterwards he admitted he had misled the betting public and had fancied his filly all along.

At the inquiry the committee heard evidence from Huffer and Eddery, who were legally represented, Lord Westbury, a steward of the meeting, the steward's secretary, and Brent Thomson.

After watching a video recording of the race the committee found that Princess Cariole had interfered with Chapel Light but that it was accidental and had no affect on the result of the race. First prize money of £3,869 will now go to Huffer.

Japanese entry

Two Japanese horses have been entered for the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond stakes at Ascot on July 27.

Symboli Rudolf – voted Japanese Horse of the Year in 1984 – and Sirius Symboli will both go to John Winter's Newmarket stable before the race.

Symboli Rudolf is reported to be the best horse bred in Japan for many years and perhaps the best ever.

HAYDOCK PARK

GOING: good to soft
Draw: 6f, 1m low numbers best

2.0 E B F ST HELENS MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (2-y-o: £1,896: 5f) (5 runners)

2		BELATZ (Marquess de Morstalla) J FitzGerald 8-11	W R Swinburn	2
7	00	JACQUI JOY (Mrs I Reichler) K Ivory 8-11	R Cochrane	1
11	02	QUEEN OF SAHARA (A Fousiok) W O'Gorman 8-11	T Ives	4
12	0	SASOL GIRL (M Hill) J Berry 8-11	K Darley	3
18	0	TRICKY (W Jenks) P Rohan 8-11	M Birch	5

1984: Balqis 8-11 A Murray (8-4) H Thomson Jones 5 ran.

1-2 Queen Of Sahara, 7-2 Jacqui Joy, 5 Tricky, 16 Belatz, Sasol Girl.

FORM: JACQUI JOY (8-11) 5 ½l 5th to Green Dollar (8-0) at Windsor (5f, £864, good, May 13, 12 ran). QUEEN OF SAHARA (8-8) 2l 2nd to St Croix Castle (9-2) at Windsor (5f, £1,542, good, May 13, 8 ran). SASOL GIRL (8-11) over 7l 10th Swift's Pal (9-0) at Leicester (5f, £1,338, good to firm, Apr 27, 14 ran). TRICKY (8-11) 7 ½l 6th of 7 to Palace View (8-11) at Chester (5f, £3100, good, May 9). Selection: TRICKY.

Haydock selections

By Mandarin

2.0 Queen Of Sahara. 2.30 Wang Feihoong. 3.0 Lyphard Chimes. 3.30 Nazeeh. 4.0 Polar Club. 4.30 Pharjoy.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent

2.0 Queen Of Sahara. 2.30 Wang Feihoong. 3.0 Mr Macgregor. 3.30 Virgin Isle. 4.0 Polar Club. 4.30 Pharjoy.

2.30 LOWTON SELLING HANDICAP (£1,398: 1m 2f 131yd) (17)

1	/0-0030	SPANISH GOLD (P Bant) M Ryan 5-9-10	P Robinson	1
2	0211-00	WANG FEIHOONG (M Yong) P Hastam 5-8-6	T Williams 3	9
3	2-22100	MR MUSIC MAN(C,D) (Mrs J Reavey) Mrs J Reavey 11-8-5	J Reid	15
4	0000000/	MOLON LAVE (J Morse) O O'Neill 8-8-13	W R Swinburn	13
5	000020	MERRY TOM (B) (BF) (Wallace Farms Ltd) A Bailey 5-8-13	Pat Eddery	14
6	02000-0	FAIR MAIDEN (S Riley) S Wiles 5-8-11	R Cochrane	5
7	3010-00	KAUKAS (D Maudsley) K Stone 6-8-11	–	8
8	0000-00	SWIFTSPENDER (P Rohan) P Rohan 4-8-10	C Dwyer	16
11	040-001	COMPOSER (Mrs K Jackson) M James 7-8-8	S Cauthen	11
15	0000-01	PAT ON THE BACK (G Blum) G Blum 5-8-1	M L Thomas	7
16	0000/0/	AVRAEAS (Mrs E Davies) R Morris 5-8-0	K Darley	2
18	040000-	RUSTIC TRACK (D Smith) Denys Smith 5-8-0	M Fry	12
19	030400-	BELLE VUE (R Hollinshead) R Hollinshead 12-7-13	W Ryan	8
20	000-000	JENNIE'S DARLING (B) (S Herries) D H Jones 4-7-13	S Whitworth 5	6
21	0000/0-	SUNNY REEF (L Barratt) L Barratt 5-7-13	A'Proud	17
23	000000-	EARL'S COURT (H Moore) R Francis 9-7-13	–	10
24	0000-00	SURPRISE ATTACK (B) (E Eldin) E Eldin 4-7-13	A ackay	3

1984: Mr Music Man 10-8-13 J Reid (4-1 jt fav) Mrs J Reavey 12 ran.

4 Mr Music Man, 9-2 Spanish Gold, 11-2 Molon Lave, 6 Kaukas, 7 Wang Feihoong, 8 Fair Mariner, Composer, 10 Pat On The Back, 14 others.

3.0 WILLOWS STAKES (3-y-o: £2,680: 1m 40yd) (18)

4	200-	BALDNIDALLOCH (Mrs C Geraghty) M W Easterby 9-0	K Hodgson	6
7	002	CREAGBER (J Berry) W Wharton 9-0	R Fox	2
8	0-	DAYF (A Fousiok) W O'Gorman 9-0	M L Thomas	10
10	000-000	EASTERN MARINER (Maktoo Racing Ltd) D Laing 9-0	G Duffield	7
11		EISTEDDFOD (H Ld) W Pearce 9-0	S Keightley	5
12	23-	GREETLAND DANCER (J Wilkins) S Wiles 9-0	R Cochrane	17
13	3440-	I'M EXCEPTIONAL (F Lee) M Jarvis 9-0	B Raymond	16
14		JOHARDI (R Russell) W Pearce 9-0	S Buckton 7	12
15	0	KINGSWOOD ALLIED (J Joseph) S Harris 9-0	D Dineley	14
16		LOCH BLUE (J Addam) C Booth 9-0	R Hills	18
17	0-3	LYPHARD CHIMES (BF) (Sheikh Mohammed) H Cecil 9-0	S Cauthen	11
18	000232-	MR MCGREGOR (Mrs T Holland-Martin) B Hobbs 9-0	G Baxter	13
20	0	PARK MILL (L Barratt) L Barratt 9-0	E Johnson	8
24		THATCH'S THUNDER (D Wasselow) J Etherington 9-0	M Wood	3
27	0300-4	ELEGANT FASHION (Mrs S Hughes) W Gunst 8-11	E Guest 5	1
28	22-	HURSLET (Mrs M Liles) M H Easterby 8-11	M Birch	6
29	00-	I'M FORMIDABLE (F Lee) R Hollinshead 8-11	S Perks	9
32	0-	TIMURS GIFT (Lord Leverhulme) R Johnson Houghton 8-11	J Reid	15

1984: Timurs Double 9-0 J Reid (16-1) R Johnson Houghton 8 ran.

5-4 Lyphard Chimes, 5 Elegant Fashion, 6 Mr McGregor, 8 Hurslet, 12 Greetland Dancer.

FORM: DAYF (8-0) 15½l 11th to Over The Ocean (9-0) (6f, £4858, good, Oct 18, 24 ran) at Newmarket. GREETLAND DANCER (9-0) 3½l 3rd to Christian Salad (9-0) at York (6f, £3628, good to soft, Oct 10, 10 ran). LYPHARD CHIMES (8-0) 2½l 2nd to Unmistakable (8-11) at Epsom (7f 11 yds, £1370, good Apr 24, 17 ran). MR MCGREGOR (7-10) 1l 2nd to Thatchs Thunder (8-7) at Doncaster (7f, £5565, soft, Nov 10, 16 ran). ELEGANT FASHION 4th in the mud at Leicester on reappearance: last season (8-7) 1½l (7th of 8 to Oh So Sharp (8-10) at Ascot (6f, £21496, good to firm, Sept 27). HURSLEY (8-8) 3l 2nd to Tuxford Hideaway at Redcar (5f, £1402, firm, May 8, 7 ran). Selection: GREETLAND DANCER.

3.30 JOHN DAVIES HANDICAP (£3,329: 7f 40yd) (11)

1	40-1119	AIR COMMAND (Mrs I Ryles) Mrs M Reveley 5-9-10	A Shoults 5	8
2	00300-0	WIKI WIKI WHEELS (BF) (P Smith) R Shaptar 5-9-6	Pat Eddery	3
3	002-000	MOORES METAL (Moores Stoke Ltd) R Hollinshead 5-8-4	S Perks	1
6	12343-0	NAZEEH (H Al-Maktoum) A Stewart 4-8-10	W R wlnburn	11
7	0000-00	SUPER TRIP (C,D) (J Maxwell) G Hunter 4-8-6	T Ives	4
9	4400-21	COTTON PRINT (B) (W Armitage) J Etherington 4-8-6	S Dawson 3	9
12	0100-00	YOUNG KNIGHT (H Westbrook) M H Easterby 4-8-3	M Birch	6
13	10-0002	VIRGIN ISLE (BF) (T Ellis) P Hastam 4-8-1	T Williams 3	2
15	10-0300	TIMEWASTER (J Gibbs) D Haydn Jones 4-8-0	P Robinson	7
21	030-4R4	SCRUMMAGE (J Robinson) E Alston 7-7-7	M L Thomas	10
22	02202-0	JESTERMIN (D Badham) E Eldin 3-7-7	A Mackay	5

1984: Tree Fella 7-8-9 T Ives (8-1) C Crossley 9 ran.

9-4 Cotton Print, 11-4 Virgin Isle, 9-2 Nazeeh, 6 Air Command, 10 Wiki Wiki Wheels, Moores Metal, 12 Conmeylo, 14 others.

FORM: WIKI WIKI WHEELS unplaced reappearance, on final start 1984 just over 3½l 7th of 13 to Royal Trouper (8-5) at York (7f h'cap £3428, good to firm, Sept 5), with SUPER TRIP (8-8) 9th. MOORES METAL (8-4) 9l 5th of 11 to Portlaw (9-3) at York (6f h'cap, £3549, soft, May 15). SUPER TRIP unplaced last time, previously (8-1) under 5l 5th of 22 to Tremblant (8-5) at Ascot (7f h'cap, £12758, good, May 1), with VIRGIN ISLE (7-9) 8th and AIR COMMAND (8-13) farther behind. YOUNG ISLE last time (8-5) 1l 2nd of 9 to Cascabel (8-4) at Salisbury (7f h'cap, £2798, hard, May 9). SCRUMMAGE (8-8) 6½l 3rd of 16 to Zaido (7-12) at Newcastle (7f h'cap, £2386, good to soft, May 17).
Selection: SUPER TRIP

4.0 NEWTON MAIDEN STAKES (3-y-o: £2,395: 1m 4f) (18)

3	0000-	BOLLIN PALACE (N Westbrook) M H Easterby 9-0	M Birch	10
6		EBORNEEZER (P Nelson) G Hunter 9-0	T Ives	8
7	00-0	EUROPRINTER (Europrint Ltd) R Whitaker 9-0	J H Brown 5	13
8		FLEURCONE (R Wynn) K White 9-0	J Williams	2
9	003-0	HENDERSON BLANKS (Henderson Steel) J Berry 9-0	K Darley	1
10		LOW MOOR (G Morley) M W Easterby 9-0	M Hindley 5	4
11	00	MILL TERN (T Hancock) M James 9-0	B Raymond	14
12	0-0	MUSLEY BANKER (D Hunt) C Tinkler 9-0	K Hodgson	8
13	000-02	MY HANDSOME BOY (North Cheshire Trading) D Haydn Jones 9-0	Pat Eddery	3
14	2	POLAR CUB (Sheikh Mohammed) H Cecil 9-0	S Cauthen	15
15	004-02	RAHIB (H Al-Maktoum) P Walwyn 9-0	J Mercer	12
16	0-63	ROMBOSINI (Capt M Lemos) C Brittain 9-0	P Robinson	5
19	00-	SPEEDY BOY (Mrs D Honner) K Brassy 9-0	S Whitworth 3	18
23		WALID (H Al Aga Khan) R Johnson Houghton 9-0	A Lagueux	15
25	00-000	WILL'S WARRIOR (W Caldelgh) K White 9-0	R Fox	5
26	0-0	CALL AGAIN (Col W Behrens) W Elsey 8-11	J Lowe 11	17
27		HARVEY'S GIRL (H Hill) P Haslam 8-11	G Sexton	7
28	3	HUNDY MUNDY (Lord Binning) D Arbuthnot 8-11	P Cook	17

1984: Malibu Beach 9-0 A Mackay (14-1) E Eldin 13 ran.

5-4 Polar Cub, 7-4 Call Again, 6 Romlosini, 10 Hundy Mundy, 14 Rahib, 16 Walid, 25 others.

FORM: MY HANDSOME BOY (8-6) ½l 2nd of 6 to Gildersale (8-8) at Wolverhampton (6f h'cap, £2,484, firm May 13) POLAR CUB (9-0) head 2nd of 18 to Chichat (9-0) at Windsor (1m 2f, £930, good, May 13). RAHIB (9-4) short head 2nd of 20 to Hunters Fen (8-2) at Leicester (1m 4f h'cap, £2,015, good to firm, Apr 27). ROMBOSINI (9-0) 3½l 3rd of 12 to Croissant De Lune (8-11) at Brighton (1m 2f, £922, good, May 15). CALL AGAIN (8-7) about 4l 5th of 11 to Rye Tops (9-7) at York (1m 2.5f, £3,642, good, May 14). HUNDY MUNDY (8-11) about 3l 3rd of 14 to Ele-Re-Koumpere (9-0) at Bath (1m 4f mdn, £1,769, firm, May 11).
Selection: CALL AGAIN.

4.30 BE FRIENDLY HANDICAP (3-y-o: £3,316: 6f) (13)

1	121300-	MAVAHRA (D) (Mrs H Attwood) P Rohan 9-7	M Birch	6
3	311-103	PECKITTS WELL (C,D) (BF) (Mrs C Geraghty) M W Easterby 9-4	K Hodgson	3
4	300-001	INISHPOUR (D) (P Halsall) G Fletcher 9-1	G Duffield	12
5	33400-0	LUCKY SONG (M Callender) J Etherington 8-12	M Wood	10
9	101	KELLYTALK (D) (Lord Granard) J W Watts 8-9	T Ives	13
10	6341-2	PHARJOY (D) (A Saltzman) M Jarvis 8-7	B Raymond	9
11	04023-0	TIMEWASTER (Mrs C Williams) J Berry 8-4	K Darley	4
18	0044-0	EASY DAY (D Rob) E Eldin 8-3	A Mackay	1
19	000-004	PRINCE RACINE (K Lewis) D Haydn Jones 8-1	P Robinson	5
22	00-1040	EDNA LAWN (W Wharton) W Wharton 7-11	R Fox	7
23	0000-00	BOARDING HOUSE (Havenwood Con's) K Stone 7-9	J Lowe 11	
24	000-040	ENCHANTED LADY (Mrs I Reichler) K Ivory 7-9	R Street	8
25	42000-0	RIVERSIDE WRITER (S Mason) N Vigors 7-7	S Dawson 3	2

1984: My Son My Son 8-2 G Duffield (20-1) K Brassey 11 ran.

5-2 Kellytalk, 3 Peckitts Well, 4 Inishpour, 11-2 Pharjoy, 8 Timewaster, 10 Edna Lawn, 12 others.

FORM: PECKITTS WELL (9-3) about 1l 3rd of 7 to Brampion Grace (8-11) at York (6f h'cap, £3,266, good to Soft, May 18). INISHPOUR (7-9) beat Bukrush (8-5) a neck at Newmarket (6f h'cap, £6,752, good to firm, May 3, 17 ran). KELLY TALK (8-7) beat Glen Glory (7-7) at at Redcar (6f h'cap, £2,105, good to firm, May 7, 9 ran), with LUCKY SONG (8-7) about 7l away 7th. TIMEWASTER (8-5) 2½l 2nd of 16 to Edns Lawn (7-7) at Doncaster (5f h'cap, £2,427, good to soft, Mar 21). PRINCE RACINE (8-3) 3½l 4th of 6 to Bluebella (8-7) at Bath (6f h'cap, £2,459, firm, May 11).
Selection: KELLYTALK.

4.45 ELWICK NOVICE HURDLE (£580: 2m) (18)

2	022	Aartic 6-11-5	–	
5	000	Bowen House 8-11-5	K Jones	
6	000	Johnston's Pride 5-11-5	K Dooton	4
7	00	Kalapagoo 7-11-5	M Brennan	
8	000	Most Exquisite 5-11-5	–	
9	000	Morton 6-11-5	M Sowersby	7
11	0	Rosie Lee 6-11-5	Mr M Thompson	3
13	0/00	Ultramedic 5-11-5	T G Dalos	
15	000	Around Town 4-11-0	C Grant	
17	0	Aspro Aztec (B) 4-11-0	P Tuck	
19	vii	Bleigh Mill Girl 5-11-0	–	
20	323	Chapmo Boy 4-11-0	M Dwyer	
21	000	Dragon Lord 7-11-0	G Martin	2
22	000	Eagle Ridge 4-11-0	Mr T Jones	6
24	000	Major Style 4-11-0	S McDonald	7
27	00	Record Trust 4-11-0	Mr D Kinsella	
28	p0	Stewsbro 7-11-0	A Stringer	

2 Aartic, 5-2 The Reedcaster, 4 Carnous Boy, 8 Major Style, 10 Around Town, 12 Bowen House, 16 others.

SEDGEFIELD SELECTIONS: (By Mandarin) 2.15 Kindred. 2.45 Lambwath Hall. 3.15 Rejuvenate. 3.45 Political Whip. 4.15 Hexon's Reflection. 4.45 Aartic.

SEDGEFIELD

GOING: good
Draw: 5f high numbers best; 7f-1m low numbers best

2.15 PETERLEE SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£442: 2m) (11 runners)

1	22/8	Gallo-Solet 8-12-0	C Hawkins	
2	004	Kindred 9-11-11	Jayne Thompson	7
3	4-00	Red Nick 7-11-6	M Brennan	
4	p00	Private Craft 8-11-5	P Tuck	
6	30-0	De Peat 10-10-13	P Avery	
7	0-00	Blackmore Lad 5-10-2	S Charlton	
8	001	Measure Up 5-10-0	D Dutton	
9	000	French Art 13-10-0	–	
12	0p0	Good Performer 8-10-0	D Wilkinson	
13	pp0	Circumspect 4-10-0	T Watford	
14	220	Carlingford Boy 5-10-0	S Storey	

2 Kindred, 4 Red Nick, 5 Measure Up, 13-2 De Peat, 8 Private Craft, 10 Gallo-Solet, 16 others.

2.45 THORN HEATING HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,366: 2m 4f) (7)

4	119	Foggy Feeler 11-7	–
5	002	Cracknell 6-11-3	Mr G Harker 4
8	0-00	Battlefield Band 11-1	J J O'Neill
10	1h1	Gods Will 6-10-7 (5 ex)	P A Farrell 7
11	031	Lambwath Hall 8-10-3 (5 ex)	C Grant
15	000	Night Chanter 7-10-0	NON-RUNNER
17	p00	Tinker Bong 6-10-0	D Darling

11-4 Foggy Feeler, 3 Lambwath Hall, 7-2 Gods Will, 5 Cracknell, 6 Battlefield Band, 16 others.

3.15 BUTTERWICK HANDICAP CHASE (£1,037: 2m 4f) (10)

1	p48	Book Of Kells 10-11-10	D Dutton	
2	013	Rejuvenate 9-11-8 (5 ex)	P Tuck	
3	182	Rosie Boy 6-11-3	J J O'Neill	
4	0-00	Sea Splash 9-10-12	M Brennan	
5	03p	Hexon-Post (B) 12-10-12	C Hawkins	
7	000	Villiershaven 6-10-4	K Jones	
8	000	Sunset Sapphire 8-10-0	S Storey	
9	2p0	Miss Wood 10-10-0	R Bellamy	7
10	0/4	Carnouser 8-10-0	R Balfour	
11	023	Timbers Secret 8-10-0	–	

11-4 Rejuvenator, 7-2 Numerata, 5 Book Of Kells, 13-2 Hexon-Post, 8 Sea Splash, 10 Villiershaven, 12 Miss Wood, 16 others.

3.45 VAUX BREWERIES HUNTER CHASE (amateurs: £1,566: 3m 600yd) (16)

1	3-13	Political Whip 7-12-10	T Welford	7
2		British Isles 7-12-7	P Capps	
3	3-66	Rockette 10-12-7	L Hudson	7
4	446-	Dizzy Polly 7-12-7	J Grassick	
5		Fulcher 7-12-7	K Morley	7
6	8-	Fourth Mark (B) 12-12-7	R Morley	
9	4314-	Knockown Lad 10-12-7	–	
11		Society Flag 8-12-7	Miss S Hunter	7
12		Tyler 7-12-7	–	
13	0	Speed 11-12-7	D Mackagart	7
14		Whistling Jim 7-12-7	N Brown	7
15	15-5	Cotton Mist 7-12-2	K Johnson	7
17	6	Drummond Lass 10-12-2	A M Crow	7
18	6-84	Little Snaboon 7-12-2	T Reed	4
19	3-	Merry Bolton 6-12-2	R Robinson	7
20		Wellingtonian 8-12-2	M Bennett	7

4-5 Political Whip, 4 Tyler, 6 Drummond Lass, 7 Merry Nelson, 8 Fourth Mark, 16 others.

4.15 LATE COMERS' NOVICE CHASE (£827: 3m 600yd) (5)

1	321	Hexon's Reflection	P Tuck	
2	222	Wellfore	J K Greene	
3	161	Super Tiny	Mr J Walton	
4	411	Edward's Corner	S Storey	
5	10p	Be On Joe	Mr A Dinsey	7

9-4 Super Tiny, 3 Edward's Corner, Wellfore, 9-2 Hexon's Reflection, 14 Be On Joe.

4.45 ELWICK NOVICE HURDLE (£580: 2m) (18)

2	022	Aartic 6-11-5	–	
5	000	Bowen House 8-11-5	K Jones	
6	000	Johnston's Pride 5-11-5	K Dooton	4
7	00	Kalapagoo 7-11-5	M Brennan	
8	000	Most Exquisite 5-11-5	–	
9	000	Morton 6-11-5	M Sowersby	7
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TOWCESTER

GOING: good to firm

5.45 BRACKLEY HATCH HUNTER CHASE (Div I: £497: 2m 5f 110yd) (11 runners)

4-	00p	Premier Mist 10-12-2	R Marsh 4	
5	024	Bold Action 10-11-2	J Wratten 7	
9	31/p	Indian Coast 8-11-12	J Cilscott 7	
13	20-1	Stanmoreside Lass 10-11-11	S Andrews 4	
16	004-	Coast Of Appeal 8-11-7	T Barton 7	
17		Dunraven View 7-11-7	Miss S French 3	
18	000	Guy's

RUGBY UNION

Throwing the strongest at Auckland side

From David Hands, Rugby Correspondent
Auckland

England face the most demanding test of their New Zealand tour so far when they meet Auckland at Eden Park tomorrow. They do so with a new full back and a reconstituted back row, a combination which represents in the word of Martin Green, the coach, the strongest available team on performance so far.

It is a careful choice of words. Another stern encounter lies ahead against Otago on Tuesday, when international places may still be won or lost. Derek Morgan, the tour manager, found himself in a parallel situation this time last year when England played South Africa's champion province one week before the first international. He will admit, though not very loudly, that perhaps undue emphasis was placed upon England's showing against Western Province, in the light of what subsequently happened against the Springboks.

This is not necessarily the team which will play New Zealand at Christchurch on June 1. Back row, centre, and full back will be closely watched tomorrow and on Tuesday which is all to the good: competition will remain keen for places and the opposition may be kept guessing about England's intentions.

In so far as tomorrow's team does represent current form, Metcalfe supplants Martin at full back and has an excellent prospect of a first cap at the age of 27. Barley is recalled to the centre to partner Dodge, and Teague joins Hall and Cooke in the back row. In the front row, England play Preedy at loose head prop, along with the established Pearce and Brain, a combination which was never tried in South Africa even though all three players toured.

Teague was one of two players who did not train at Gisborne yesterday, before the team flew here. He has heavy bruising above both knees after being trampled on during Wednesday's win over Poverty Bay but, with the energetic assistance of Alan Bell the physiotherapist, he jogged and sprinted round the perimeter of Rugby Park and is confident of playing tomorrow.

Goodwin, the Moseley wing, was much happier after a night's rest had brought a vast improvement in the knee injury which caused him such distress during Wednesday's match. There is no ligament damage, and though he is due to have another inspection by an orthopaedic surgeon here, Goodwin hopes to be training again at the weekend. Howevr, the injury was sufficient to ensure he could not be selected against Auckland, which means the postponement of a possible clash between him and Kirwan, the young Auckland and New Zealand wing

Playing well tomorrow is important for England. The result, in my view, is secondary to the performance. Few critics expect England to beat Auckland, the national champions who have gone two seasons without defeat on their own ground and have lost only to Wellington in that time.

Auckland have played four games this season, including an away fixture with the powerful Sydney side, and have won them all. They are a team of much all-round ability, though they are not entirely happy with the weather this week. Heavy rain has, left pools of water sitting around Eden Park, reminiscent of the aquatic international with Scotland on the same ground in 1975.

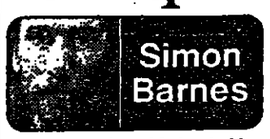
AUCKLAND: L Harris; J Kirwan, J Stanley, K Sherlock, T Wright; G Fox, D Kirk; M Gray, I Abercrombie, S McDowell, A Whetton, A Haden (captain), G Whetton M Brooke-Cowden, G Rich. Replacements: T Burcher, K Farrington, J Harvey, M Keenan, P Fatialofa, G Young.
ENGLAND: I Metcalfe (Moseley); S Smith (Wasps), P Dodge (Leicester, captain) B Barley (Wakefield), M Harrison (Wakefield); S Barnes (Bath) N Melville (Wasps); M Preedy (Gloucester), S Brain (Coventry), G Pearce (Northampton), J Hall (Bath), S Bainbridge (Fylde), W Dooley (Preston Grasshoppers), D Cooke (Harlequins), M Teague (Gloucester). Replacements: C Martin (Bath), H Davies (Wasps), R Hill (Bath), A Sheppard (Bristol), A Simpson (Sale), G Rees (Nottingham).
Referee: R Francis (Wairarapa-Bush).

The game that has gone through the hoops to be taken seriously



Mulliner: the sort of man who brings drama to having a cup of coffee (Photograph: Michael Ward).

Croquet in pink despite flamingos



Simon Barnes

A rapier-slim girl in dashing white fencing trousers and coroneted by a pastel-shaded headband, made the situation quite clear. "As a matter of fact we don't use hedgehogs." She exhaled a languid plume of tobacco smoke. "Not even for practice."

Charles Dodgson's poking of fun at people who take croquet seriously in *Alice in Wonderland* has ensured that no one has ever taken croquet seriously since. I am sure Dodgson would be deeply distressed to learn how much he is hated by proper croquet players, but as the Croquet Association chairman, Lionel Wharrad said, "we've got to get away from the Flamingo image."

The players limbering up for the Anchor inter-county championship, the first big event of the season, to be held at Southwick over the coming Bank Holiday weekend are trying very hard and unlike Dodgson, take it all with immense seriousness. The event has found its sponsors, too, which is the acid test of a sport's street credibility these days.

And you cannot watch Steve Mulliner playing the game without being convinced that croquet is a matter of spectacular drama and fiery intensity. Mulliner is the sort of man who brings drama and intensity into having a cup of coffee. Making croquet a selling spectacle is absolutely no problem to him.

He revels in his complete failure to fulfil anyone's preconceptions about what a croquet player should be like. Croquet players ought to be nice old buffers, clad in billowing flannels. Mulliner wears shorts. When confronted by a shot of exceptional trickiness, he flings himself head long to the ground, rests his nose on the turf and remains in this shot-sheriff position until he has worked everything out to his satisfaction.

Croquet is like snooker, a break-building game. One strolls at one's ease across the lawn, playing shot after shot with leisurely care. Not Mulliner. Ripples of horror flow through the massed ranks of nice old buffers in the crowd as Mulliner, in the middle of a hot break, takes to his heels and sprints after the ball.

Even when I watched him play a friendly game on Wednesday, his impatient walk from position to position had the tight-buttocked frenzy of Alex Higgins. Mulliner brings the same intensity, the same impetuousity, and the same love of the quixotic, to his own game.

He said: "I started to take croquet seriously because it was the only game I was ever likely to play at international level. There was no question of, say, giving everything up to try to be a golf champion. To play croquet as an amateur, then, was the answer."

I think that is a little over-modest. Mulliner, the current British men's champion, would be championship material at whatever sport fired his imagination. And croquet, even when played without flamingos, is a beautiful game, one of terrifying accuracy and bewilderingly convoluted tactics.

But don't talk about viciousness. "The idea that croquet is a vicious game is deeply irritating," confessed Jan MacLeod, she of the fencing trousers, second in the Ladies Field Cup last year. You use your opponents' balls to build your breaks, and you try to leave him comprehensively snookered behind a hoop, but that is tactics, not viciousness.

The myth of viciousness comes from garden knock-about croquet. There are many bastardizations of the game and many eccentric local rules. But real croquet players are not permitted to place a foot on a ball. To despatch the ball of your tearful niece into the cucumber frame is not a part of the real game; balls that whizz off the lawn are replaced inside the boundaries. There is no more disadvantage in going off the lawn than there is a hitting the cushions in snooker.

Indeed, the true game has much in common with snooker: break-building, two-ball control, and, not least, the utter helplessness of your opponent when you are in mid-break. It is even possible to go all the way round the course of a dozen hoops and to peg out – complete a game – in one go, though this is not exactly easy. "The chances of Nigel doing a quadruple peal from here are pretty remote," Mulliner said, not without satisfaction, as his great rival, the world's No 1 player, Nigel Aspinall, plotted away in the centre of the lawn.

Croquet is a growing game. There are 10,000 croquet sets sold every year, though one wonders how many of these ever get used to play the real game. The real game, administered by the Croquet Association, is called, by a pleasant Carrollian inversion, Association Croquet. The association's membership is growing by 10 per cent a year, eight new clubs opened in 1984, and the association has just doubled its staff to two, with the appointment of a development officer.

They play the game in Australia and New Zealand although it is hard to imagine Lillie and Marsh taking up the game in their retirement and Japan has 2.5 million people, who play a mad-cap team version of the game called gateball. In fact, the Japanese Croquet Association has recently decided to adopt English, rather than American rules for proper croquet, which is further glory for the Croquet Association.

The notion that croquet is a haven for the twee and the vicious is unfortunate. It happens to be a beautiful and clever game, bag-ridden by myth, and haunted by spectral flamingos and hedgehogs and the ghosts of the soldiers who double up as hoops. But never mind: when Mulliner flings himself to the turf or sprints after his fleeing ball, you can see that his is a real sport, and like all sports, a matter of drama and intensity. And it is then the ghostly flamingos disappear, and take the hedgehogs with them.

BOXING

Mittee's chance for world title in his own hands

By Srikumar Sen Boxing Correspondent

Sylvester Mittee, of Bethnal Green, could be just two contests away from a world title bout against Milton McCrory, of the United States, the World Boxing Council welterweight champion.

If Mittee beats Pedro Vilella, of Puerto Rico, at Alexandra Pavilion next Tuesday he has been promised the main supporting bout on the McCrory-Carlos Trujillo world championship show in Monte Carlo on July 14. Should he win that one Mittee would meet the winner of the main bout.

But Vilella also has plans for working himself back from No 8 in the world to No 1. His manager, Howie Albert, said yesterday that his boxer had been made the same offer as Mittee and warned the Commonwealth champion: "If you beat my man you are a hell of a fighter."

If things do not go according to plan for Mittee he can always try to find his way into the world ratings by challenging Kostas Petrou for the British title and then taking on Lloyd Honeyghan, of Bermondsey, for the European. If Vilella loses he will disappear from the ranking and may be forced to spend more of his time in his supermarket in the Bronx.

This has not been a good year for Tony Sibson. After failing to make a lucrative bout against Buster Drayton, of the United States, in April, because of flu, he now finds himself unable to defend his European middleweight title against Ayub Kalule because of an elbow injury. It is the same complaint that delayed his title contest with Mark Kaylor last year.

Sibson's manager, Sam Burns, said yesterday: "Tony will not be able to spar for several weeks. It is really annoying because he has worked really hard for this fight and has already sparred something like 100 rounds. There is a chipped bone in his elbow which is causing pain from a trapped nerve."

HORSE TRIALS

Time for scrutiny

By Jenny MacArthur

Captain Mark Phillips's carefully laid plans for the outstanding seven-year-old gelding, Distinctive, take an important step forward today when the horse competes in his first three-day event at the TI Group Windsor Horse Trials.

Distinctive is one of several talented young horses in the Range Rover team and was the top novice horse last year, winning the Midland Bank novice championship at Locko Park. This season he has been placed in four advanced classes but it remains to be seen whether he copes with the big time as effortlessly as he has progressed through the smaller classes. Capt Phillips, who won at Windsor last year on Fieldsman, said yesterday that his main objective this year is to see Distinctive through the three days unscathed.

A record 150 riders, divided into three sections, start in today's dressage phase of the trials in Windsor Great Park. The cross-country, for which the going is now good after the recent rain, takes place tomorrow and the competition finishes on Sunday with the show jumping after which Princess Anne, the president of the trials, will present the prizes.

Captain Phillips's main rvals in the TI Group section are likely to be last year's winner, Fenella Fawcus, who is only 21, with Blue Max, and Jane Holderness-Roddam, with Geiert of Wales. The latter partnership finished thirteenth at the Bramham three-day event last year and won the advanced class at Stowell Park earlier this month.

Alexander Ramus, riding Razarda, is favourite to win the TI Crega British junior championship which runs alongside the three senior sections. Miss Ramus has just returned from Ireland where she won the team and individual junior events on Spy Story at Punchestown.

The selectors will be out in force at Windsor to size up possible team members for the European junior championships to be held at Rotherfield Park, Hampshire, at the end of August. They will be keeping their eye on Melnnie Hawtree with Stevie and Roland Lloyd-Thomas with Milton Tyson, who were both members of the winning junior team at Punshestown.

Sweden step in

Sweden has taken the place of Belgium in the Everest Double Glazing Nations Cup which will be held during the Hickstead meeting, from May 30 to June 2. The competing countries will now be Britain, France, Germany, Holland, Ireland and Sweden. Individuals from Spain, Portugal and Australia will be jumping

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Rolls-Royce goes for lighter touch on the wheel

The good old times are returning at Rolls-Royce Motors, Crewe. Only two years ago their dealers were madly discounting and yet stocks of unsold cars continued to grow. Today you will have to wait about nine months for a Rolls or Bentley and discounting is again something rather nasty that only happens in other manufacturers' showrooms. Production has recovered from a disastrous 1,500 cars in 1983 to 2,200 last year and a forecast of 2,500 this year.

Gone is the complacency that produced a car which oozed luxury, comfort and status but was really a bit of a handful if driven with anything approaching enthusiasm. Today's decidedly young team of executives are determined to produce cars with significantly improved handling and road holding.

Now that is quite a job. Two-and-a-half tons is an awful lot of car to throw around but I have just spent a couple of hours doing that with the latest product from Crewe. It shows that the wind of change is already blowing away the cobwebs.

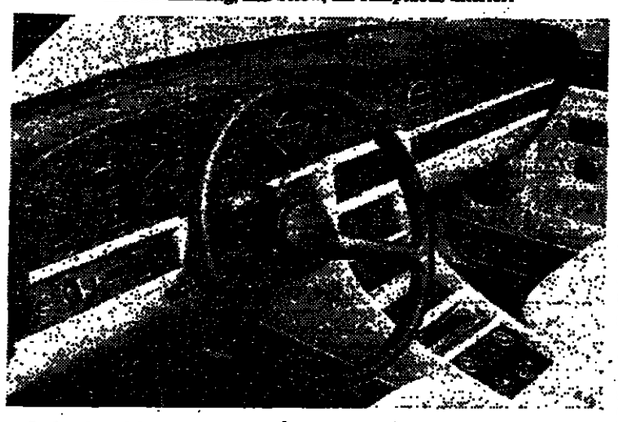
The Bentley Turbo R was launched at the Geneva Motor Show in March. It is the first Crewe car to use alloy wheels and the latest low profile tyres – in this case, Pirelli P7. That in itself is quite a break with tradition. In the past Rolls-Royce engineers turned up their noses at the thought of upsetting the legendary ride-comfort by introducing new fangled, low aspect "Fatties".

Suspension damper settings have been stiffened and the front and rear anti-roll bars strengthened. The result is much more predictable and therefore safer handling. It rolls far less and gives plenty of warning of rear end "breakaway". The ride is a little harder than previous Rolls-Bentleys but as they were much too soft for my liking anyway, I prefer the new set up.

Crewe is still able to hedge its bets. It can use the Bentley marque for such innovations while retaining the softer ride for Rolls-Royce models. That is important because no Bentleys are sold in North America, the home of the sloppy ride, where 40 per cent of Crewe's production finishes up. Bentley's only account for about ten per cent of the factory output, but more than half of them will be the new "Sporty" Turbo R costing £68,420.



Wind of change: the Bentley Turbo R (above); vast improvement in road handling; and below, the sumptuous interior.



Subaru Turbo

The weakness of Subaru's otherwise admirable "On-Off" four-wheel drive system is that if your type of motoring calls for predominant use of two driven wheels only you are paying a heavy price to have two more in reserve at the flick of a switch. The additional mechanicals necessary to provide this option dictate that the car should be slower and more thirsty than standard designs.

It developed in this way because the extremes of the Japanese climate favour a true dual purpose car. In Europe four wheel drive cars have taken off for a very different reason – to provide high performance models with extra grip at all times.

Subaru recently joined the 4x4 performance class with turbo-charged versions of its 1.8 litre, aluminum flat four engine allied to a whole clutch of interesting new ideas. It has changed the car's character entirely. Gone is the rather turgid acceleration. This newcomer is no mean performer. The automatic version I drove recently will accelerate to 62 mph (100 kph) in a little more than 11 seconds and top 111 mph.

The new five speed manual turbo saloon is even quicker reaching 62 mph in nine seconds with a maximum speed of 121 mph.

The flat four has taken to turbo charging like a duck to water. Its modest 88 bhp is increased by a surprising 51 per cent to 134 bhp at the same 5,600 rpm while the peak of the torque curve is actually down by 800 rpm. The result is a very flexible power unit.

Four wheel drive in the automatic version is brought into operation by pressing a button on the side of the selector lever or it can be left to come in and out automatically to cope with varying conditions

This interesting new technology provides three options: two wheel drive, four wheel drive all the time, or four wheel drive which comes in and out under its own steam.

Vital statistics

Model: Subaru 1.8 4WD Turbo Estate
Price: £10,999
Engine: 1781cc horizontally opposed aluminium four
Performance: 0 to 62 mph, 11.1 seconds, max speed 111.8 mph
Official Consumption: Urban 25.7 mpg; 56 mph, 32.8 mpg; and 75 mph, 24.4 mpg
Length: 14.4 ft
Insurance: Group 7

That is by no means the end of its features. The new turbo estate is the first Subaru to use the factory's new electro-pneumatic suspension system which adjusts automatically to compensate for loads. Another switch selects a ride height of 5.9 inches for normal road use or gives an extra 1.2 inches of ground clearance for off-road work.

Despite its rather flash appearance with large transfers on the sides and rear, this is a very sophisticated addition to the ranks of both the estate car and 4x4 classes. It costs as near as damn it £11,000 and that is £2,000 more than the non-turbo GLSE estate but is still nearly £800 less than Audi's new Quattro 80.

It is still a thirsty piece however. I averaged about 22 mpg but this included two long journeys during which I made maximum use of the new-found power.

Tall cars

Tall sided, multi-seat cars have received unwelcomed publicity since the unstable braking of Toyota's Space Cruiser was spotlighted by the Consumer's Association. Its alarming behaviour under hard braking was seen in some quarters as a general criticism of these relative new vehicles which are a cross between a seven-seater mini bus and a van. In particular, it has been suggested that their higher centre of gravity required careful handling.

The controversy came just when Toyota was preparing to replace the 1.8 litre version with a more powerful 2 litre. Sales of the new model were suspended while a team of Japanese engineers was flown to Britain to conduct tests in conjunction with the Department of Transport which had withheld the vital type approval certificate until it was satisfied with the vehicle's safety.

The problem was apparently premature locking of the rear wheels. Toyota says a simple sensing device altering the difference between front and rear brakes has cured this and the Department of Transport apparently agrees because it has now released the approval certificate. Owners of the older model are being contacted individually and told to take their cruiser to the local Toyota dealer for modification.

Meanwhile the Nissan Prairie, the tall car which started the trend when it made its world debut at the British Motor Show in 1982 has undergone a number of modifications to improve its comfort and convenience. The most noticeable are, the repositioning of the very awkward front seat belts and the replacement of the long, lorry like gear change lever by a more convenient short one.

The Prairie has no "B" post between the front and rear doors to obstruct access for so many passengers. Unfortunately, it also removes the ideal position for the belt anchorage. It had to be sited on the roof where it was quite literally a pain in the neck. Now the anchorage has been moved to the front doors.

There are three versions of the revised range, the 1.5 SGL at £6,728, the 1.8 SGL at £6,999, and the very plushly furnished 1.8 Anniversary II at £8,399. I plan to road test one in the next couple of weeks.

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BUDDICOM. – On May 12 at St Marys Hospital, Paddington, to Helen and Neil a daughter Emily Charlotte a sister for Nicholas.

CHALK – On 22nd May at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to Gillian (née Hiels) and Gilbert – a son (Christopher Harry Gilbert), brother for Alexander and Nicola.

COUGHTRIE. – On May 21 to Jan and David – a daughter, Susan Kerr.

DRURY – On April 27th, 1985, at Eastbourne, to Frances and John – a beautiful daughter (Charlotte Mary).

EDMUNDS – On 22nd May, 1985, at St Thomas' Hospital, to Charlotte (nee Astbo) and Hugh – a son (William Thornley).

GRAHAM-WOOD. On May 21, 1985 at the Portland Hospital, to Susan Emma (née Bass) and Edward Richard – a daughter, Victoria Kate.

HUGHES-ONSLOW. – On 21st March, to Christina (Hay) and James – a son (Andrew).

KATA – On April 29th, to Phyllis and Edward, a daughter, Elizabeth Anne Mary.

LEADLAY – On May 17th, at Huntingdon, to Christina (née Peake) and Peter – a daughter, Serena Imogen Alice, a sister for Francesca and Louisa.

MORLEY. On 20th May, at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to Sue (née Pendarvis) and David, a daughter – Emma Kate.

OSOLINSKY. – On May 12th to Paul and Alexe (née Naldert – a daughter (Natalia).

PARSONS. – On 20th May, at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to Cathy (née Stoker) and Mark – a son (Frank Radcliffe).

PRIDHAM – On May 20 at BMH Minster, West Germany, to Jane (née Stilgoe), a son, Rodney, a daughter (Chloe Elizabeth Jane), a sister for Louise.

RENDALL. – On May 23, to Lucinda (née Mappin) and William, a son George a brother for Thomas and Henry.

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MARRIAGES

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DEATHS

ASHLEY. – On May 23, 1985, in her 86th year, Evaline, widow of Lewis Ashley, after an illness bravely borne with dignity and courage. Funeral today at 2.15 at Willesden Jewish cemetery, London. NW10.

BURTON. On 28th April, Vere Ansted Arthur, Lieut Commander, at his home in Cape Town. Dearly loved husband of Dora and caring stepfather of Richard Reynolds-Hale. Deeply mourned.

CAMELL – On May 21st 1985 peacefully at Queanbeyan Hospital, NSW, Australia, Beryl Evelyn Camell aged 72, wife of the late John Camell. Much loved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother.

CATZEFLIS – Edessard in May 17 in Paris, following a long illness. Cremation May 30, 9 am, Cemetiere Jonchetolles, Villetaneuse, 93430.

COKER – *On May 20th, following a short illness* in St Albans City Hospital, John George, Lay Canon, 9 Westminster Court, St Albans, aged 92 yrs. Funeral Friday, May 31st at 2.30pm at St Albans Cathedral. Family flowers, donations to St Albans Abbey Appeal Fund.

CRUM EWING. – Peacefully at home in his 83rd year, Humphry William Erskine Crum Ewing, beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother, brother-in-law and father-in-law. Following private funeral a service of thanksgiving will be held at the United Reformed Church, London Road, Sevenoaks, on Thursday, 30th May, 1985, at 2.30pm. Cut flowers, please, to T. Groombridge, 31 Quarry Hill Road, Tonbridge, Kent.

DE LA POER. – On 22nd May, suddenly, Rosemary Ann, beloved wife of Edmund, Count de la Poer of Gurteen. Funeral in Ireland.

ENTHOBEN. – On 22nd May, Margot, of Houghton Green, Rye, Sussex, mother of David. Funeral private.

FISHER. – On 22nd May, 1985, peacefully after an illness, Theo, beloved mother of Virginia Jane. Funeral service at The Chapel, Tyring Cemetery, 11.30am, Friday, 24th May, 1985, followed by interment.

FOWLE – On May 21st 1985, in a motor accident in Africa, much cherished and beloved daughter of Tim and Joy, loved by all her family and many friends. Funeral service at St Peter's Church, Prestbury, Cheshire, on Tuesday, May 28th, at 2.15pm, followed by private cremation. Enquiries to J W Brocklehurst & Sons Ltd. Tel Prestbury (0625) 829232.

FRANKLIN. – On 19th May, 1985, Katharine Mary Raeburn (nee Balmer) at her home, Can Del, near Soller, Mallorca, and was buried peacefully on 20th May in the Soller cemetery.

GREENSLADE. – On May 21 at Musgrove Park Hospital, Taunton, Esther Mary, of The Moors, Trow Road, Mark, Somerset, wife of the late Tom Greenslade, daughter of the late Tom Reed and Mrs Maggie Reed and granddaughter of the late Dr Richard Pooley. Funeral service Woodspring Crematorium, Weston-super-Mare, Friday May 31 at 3.30pm. No flowers, please. Donations for Animal Welfare, if required, to J. Meurig Harris, Funeral Directors, 2 Cross St, Burnham-on-Sea. Tel. 0278-782886.

HARDY – On 23rd May, peacefully after a short illness, Sir Alan Hardy, CBE, aged 89, Emeritus Professor of Zoology and Honorary Fellow of Oriel College, Oxford, son of Richard and Elizabeth Hannah Hardy of Nethybridge, husband of Sylvia and father of Michael and Belinda. No funeral in accordance with his bequest to medical science. No memorial service by his own wish. Please, no flowers.

HEWLETT-JOHNSON – On 21st May, 1985, at her home in Cotsworth, Cheshire, Tatiana (née Countess Voronzov-Dashkov), formerly of Disley, Cheshire. Beloved wife of Gordon and much loved mother of Monica, Helena and Jessica. Funeral service in St James's Church, Cotsworth on Saturday, 25th May at 11.45am.

HOWARTH – James Daniel. Musical instrument maker and restorer, aged 84, on Sunday, 19 May, peacefully in hospital. Dearly loved father of Jean, Paul and George and brother of Dorothy. Cremation took place at Golders Green on Friday, 17th May.

HUMPHREYS–DAVIES, C.B., GEORGE PETER. – At his home, May 22nd, much loved husband of Barbara and father of Bill, m Michael and Jane.

LEGGE – On May 21st, peacefully in an Exeter Hospital, Joseph, of Bouverie Avenue, South Salisbury. Funeral service at All Saints Church, East Harnham, Salisbury, on Wednesday, 29th May, at 11.45am, followed by cremation. Family flowers only, but donations if desired for the British Heart Foundation, c/o W.H. Cain & Partners, 22, Churchfields Road, Salisbury, Wilts SP2 7NH.

LONGFIELD. – On May 22nd, John Foster, colonel, Royal Signals, in his 79th year, beloved husband of Penelope for 49 years, father of Bridget, grandfather to Richard, Gravelle and Thomas. Funeral service Exeter Crematorium, Tuesday, May 28th, 3.30pm. Family flowers only, please.

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NORTH – On 18th May, 1985, at St Anne's Cottage, Lewes, Margaret Ellen (Peggy), devoted loved and cherished by her family. Funeral service St Pancras, Lewes, followed by interment in St Anne's Church. 30th May, 11am. Flowers arrangements, Weller, Manning Street, Lewes.

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READ. Suddenly and peacefully at home, on May 18th, Queenie May Read, widow of John Cyril Read, of 2 Ovington Square, London SW3. Funeral at Putney Vale Crematorium on Thursday, 30th May at 2.45 pm. Flowers to Kenyon's, 49 Marloes Road, W8.

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FRAIN, JOHN MURRAY. – Suddenly and peacefully in hospital on Wednesday, May 22nd, 1985, beloved husband of Helen and father of Philip and Tessa. Funeral service in Corsa Parish Church, on Monday, May 27th at 2pm. Cremation thereafter private. Family flowers only, donations if desired to Royal British Legion, Scotland, New Haig House, Logie Green Rd, Edinburgh EH7 4HR. No letters, please.

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STIBBS, OLGA VERA. of Mill Hill, in Hospital on 21st May, aged 92 years. Funeral service at Hendon Crematorium, on Tuesday, 28th May, at 3.30pm. Flowers to John Noden Funeral Service, 52 Broadway, NW7. Tel: 959 2792.

TOURELL – *On May 22nd, 1985,* peacefully at Llandudno Hospital, Ernest William of Abbey End, Menai Bridge (formerly of Mill Hill), loving husband of Barbara Elaine and devoted father of Andrew and Jane. Public funeral on Saturday, 25th May. Service and Committal at Colwyn Bay Crematorium 10am. Enquiries to Meredith Jones Funeral Service. Llanrwst (0492) 640348.

ULLATHORNE – On May 21st, at Bungay, Suffolk, Jessica Wilkin Ayscough Cecelia Ullathorne, aged 85. Funeral Requiem at All Hallows Convent Chapel, Ditchingham, Norfolk, Wednesday, May 29th at 11am. Private cremation.

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BBC 1

6.00 Ceefax AM.

6.50 Breakfast Time with Frank Bough and Nick Ross. Weather at 6.55, 7.25, 7.55, 8.25 and 8.55; regional news, weather and travel at 6.57, 7.27, 7.57 and 8.27; national and international news at 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00; sport at 7.20, 7.45 and 8.20; pop video review at 7.32; consumer report at 8.15; and a review of the morning newspapers at 8.37. Plus, a preview of the week-end's events; shopping advice; Worship's Week; and Alan Titchmarsh's 'phone-in gardening clinic. The guest is Jean Marsh.

9.20 Encounters with Islam. The first of four programmes examining the teachings of the Muslim religion (r). 9.50 Ceefax. 10.30 Play School.

10.50 International Golf. The first round of the Whyte and Mackay PGA Championship.

1.00 News After Noon with Richard Whitmore and Moira Stuart. The weather details come from Michael Fish. 1.27 Regional news (London and SE only: Financial report followed by news headlines with subtitles). 1.30 Hokey Cokey (r).

1.45 International Golf. Further coverage of first round action in the Whyte and Mackay PGA Championship from Wentworth. 3.53 Regional news (not London).

3.55 Whizz. For the very young. 4.10 Laurel and Hardy. Cartoon version (r). 4.15 The Littlest Hobo. Animated adventures of a German sheepdog. 4.40 So You Want to Be Top. Invaluable advice to those who aspire to be teacher's pet (r).

4.55 Newsround Extra. The first of a new series begins with a report by John Craven in California, on Koko, the World's Smartest Gorilla.

5.05 Fast Forward. Entertainment for young people, presented by Floella Benjamin (r).

5.30 The Good Life. Comedy series starring Richard Briers and Felicity Kendal as the self-sufficient couple living in the London suburbs (r).

6.00 News with Sue Lawley and Philip Hayton. Weather.

6.35 London Plus.

7.00 Wogan. The guests are Esther Rantzen, Marilyn Luscombe, Sister Sledge, the Lebeque Sisters and Pete Townsend.

7.40 Don't Wait Up. Tom Latimer is concerned about his parents contemplating a divorce. He tries to talk to his father about the problem but father is too concerned about his new Rolls Royce (r) (Ceefax).

8.10 Cover Up. United States Secret Service adventures. This week Dani has a new partner in Jack Striker, following the death of her former co-star. They are in France trying to unravel a mystery involving a famous author who is suffering from amnesia (Ceefax).

9.00 News with Julia Somerville. Weather.

9.25 The Detectives. Episode three of the five-part drama starring Tom Bell as the austere police Commander Crocker, risking his career in his search for evidence against a Cabinet Minister (Ceefax).

10.15 Omnibus: The Cotton Club Comes to the Ritz. The stars of the Twenties and Thirties Cotton Club in Harlem on stage at The Ritz in London (see Choice).

11.20 Film: Steptoe and Son Ride Again (1973) starring Wilfred Brambell, Harry H. Corbett and Diana Dors. Harold, after wasting Albert's life savings on a dud greyhound instead of buying a new horse, decides that Albert should die in order that the insurance money can be claimed. Directed by Peter Sykes.

12.55 Weather.

TV-am

6.15 Good Morning Britain, presented by Anna Diamond and Henry Kelly. News with Jayne Irving at 6.15, 6.30, 6.45, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00; sport at 6.39 and 7.37; exercises at 6.50 and 9.19; Popeye cartoon at 7.23; pop video at 7.54; Jeni Barnett's postbag at 8.15; Jimmy Greaves's television highlights at 8.40. The guests include Danny Williams.

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9.25 Thames news headlines. 9.30 For Schools: The natural history of the seaside. 9.50 Clues to the past in Brougham Castle, Cumbria. 10.09 The fascination of words. 10.26 The shaping of modern landscapes. 10.48 Different greetings. For the hearing impaired. 11.05 What can be found along the seashore. 11.22 Children from a Leeds school demonstrate a dance narrative. 11.39 The story of a man from Newcastle who has lived and worked in China for 30 years.

12.00 Jamie and the Magic Torch (r) 12.10 Rainbow. Learning with puppets (Oracle) at 12.30 By the Way. Richard Keen travels across the Heads of the Valleys and discovers a haven for tourists (r).

1.00 News at One with Alastair Stewart. Weather. 1.20 Thames news from Robin Houston. 1.30 The Rules of Marriage. The second and final episode of the drama about the break-up of a marriage. Starring Elliott Gould and Elizabeth Montgomery (r).

3.25 Thames news headlines. 3.30 Sons and Daughters.

4.00 Rainbow. A repeat of the programme shown at 12.10. 4.20 Crystal Tipps and Alistair. Cartoon series. 4.25 Emu's All-Live Pink Windmill Show with Rod Hull. 5.15 Connections. Quiz game for schoolchildren.

5.45 News with Martyn Lewis. 6.00 The 6 O'Clock Show, presented by Gloria Hunniford.

7.00 Family Fortunes. Game show introduced by Max Bygraves. The Cowie family from Birkenhead take on the Russells of Cleveland.

7.30 Hawaii Five-O. Steve McGarrett and Danny Williams are on the trail of a murderer, the identity of whom seems to be in a home movie – but McGarrett looks at it more closely and is not so sure. Starring Jack Lord and James MacArthur (r).

8.30 Home to Roost. Matthew is desperate for money in order to pursue his chosen career of rock guitarist but his father, divorcee Henry, insists that he finds his vocation at the local Job-Centre. Starring John Thaw and Reece Dinsdale.

9.00 C.A.T.S. Eyes. The members of Covert Activities, Thames Section are assigned to guard a fabulous piece of jewelry until the new owner, a sheikh, arrives. But does the man exist?

10.00 News at Ten with Alastair Burnet and Pamela Armstrong. Weather, followed by London news headlines.

10.30 The London Programme, presented by John Taylor. This week's edition is a type of video nasty with scenes from council meetings all over London where Labour's strategy of refusing to bow to the Government's edict on rate-capping has come unstuck.

11.00 Shoot Pool! The final of the John Bull Bitter London Pool Championship. 'Maltese' Joe Barbara meets Steve Sanders.

12.00 Film: The Quartermass Experiment* (1955) starring Brian Donlevy. A survivor of a crashed rocket ship is slowly taken over by a fungus that survives on blood. Directed by Val Guest.

1.25 Night Thoughts.



John Cleese: Book Plug Radio 4, 12.27pm

CHOICE

● Watching THE COTTON CLUB COMES TO THE RITZ (BBC1, 10.15pm) is exactly like being caught up in a time warp. The place, undisputably, is the famous old London hotel, and the year, we are assured, is 1985. Yet, there they are, the singers, dancers and instrumentalists of Harlem's showcase for black artistry in the twenties and thirties. Perhaps not as sprightly as they were, not able to hold a note as strongly, drum as spectacularly, trumpet as brazenly. But still at it: Chuck Green and Cab Calloway, the Nicholas Brothers (though only Harold still attempts the splits), Adelaide Hall, Max Roach and Doc Cheatham. And, to remind us of the way they were, at their peak, there is a black-and-white archive film. The net result: a joyous celebration of the gift of survival of both talent and flesh-and-blood.

● This is Australia's penitential week. First, there was John Pilger's film about the persecution of the Aborigines. Now we have BLACK ANGELS (BBC 2, 7.50pm) which reveals that, apart from a handful of medals and the odd gesture of good will, little has been done to compensate the people of Papua New Guinea for the devastation wrought by the Australians and Japanese who turned the islands into a battleground during the Second World War. *Black Angels*, though re-edited by the *World About Us* team, is an Australian film. For British audiences, there is inevitably a remoteness of space about it, to match the remoteness in time. None the less, I found it impossible to watch Viviana Woodruff's film without experiencing an intense sadness.

● How on earth, you will ask yourself, does Sue MacGregor keep a straight voice during BOOK PLUG? (Radio 4, 12.27pm). Her London-Nicosia telephone interview with Wing-Commander Muriel Volestrangler (a lady not entirely unconnected with John Cleese) elicits such facts as the latter's having bombed Weston-super-Mare with a tense chief steward, having an affair with the Russian who headed MI5, working as a cocktail waitress in a crematorium, and serving as Libyan foreign minister – a post that allowed her to write skits in the intervals between bouts of chanting by the Cabinet. We hear some of those skits in the intervals between bouts of surreal interview with this wartime pilot turned wasp farmer.

Peter Davalle

BBC 2

6.30 Open University: The Periodic Table. 6.55 Moving Muscles. 7.20 Weekend Outlook. Ends at 7.25. 9.00 Ceefax.

9.30 Daytime on Two: Sex education. For the hard-of-hearing. 9.52 Part one of a two-act play about two teenagers experiencing their first serious relationship. 10.15 Children living with an older, mentally handicapped, brother. 10.40 Mindstretchers: solutions.

10.45 Ceefax. 11.22 Computers and cartography. 11.44 Council home tenants in Bradford fight to be re-housed after cracks are discovered in the tower block they occupy. 12.05 The future of work in a post-industrial society. 12.30 Ceefax. 1.38 Cheques and automatic banking. 2.00 Nutrition and how some food is produced. 2.30 Schoolchildren interview Judy Geeson and Richard Adams on the subject of vivisection.

2.50 Ceefax.

3.50 International Golf. Harry Carpenter introduces action from the first round of the Whyte and Mackay PGA Championship.

5.10 News summary with subtitles. Weather.

5.15 Monkey. Adventures of a group of pilgrims on their way to India from Japan (r).

6.00 Film: Tarzan's Desert Mystery* (1943) starring Johnny Weissmuller. While on a mission to collect a life-saving herb Tarzan is taken prisoner by Nazi agents. With Otto Kruger as the villain, Hendrix. Directed by William Thiele.

7.05 Cartoon. Icarus (r).

7.15 The Great Egg Race, presented by Professor Heinz Wolff. Peter Skellern is the guest judge this week and he adjudicates on the team's efforts to produce a robot piano player.

7.50 The World About Us: Black Angels. The story of how the people of Papua and New Guinea became involved in the Second World War (see Choice).

8.35 Gardeners' World. Geoff Hamilton and John Kelly at the Turton, Lancashire, garden of Frank and Joyce Smith, 500 feet up the Pennines.

9.00 One Man and his Dog. The Irish heat of the Sheepdog Championship, from the grounds of Chatsworth House. Between the trials, Phil Drabble talks to the Duchess of Devonshire about her flock of Jacob sheep.

9.45 The Paper Chase. Drama series set in an American law school.

10.30 It's Not Cricket. A preview of the new series, Bodyline.

10.35 Newsnight. 11.20 Weather.

11.25 Women of the Sun. Part one of a new drama series about the early history of Australia. This opening episode concerns a tribe of Nyasi people whose lives are changed by the arrival of two escaped white convicts. Ends at 12.30.

CHANNEL 4

2.15 'Their Lordships' House. A repeat of last night's highlights from the House of Lords' debate on the local councils.

2.30 Master Bridge. The final round of the individual bridge tournament in which the players change partners after every round (r).

3.00 Chula Fronteras. A celebration of the music of the Texas/Mexican border, music that embraces family life and makes a joy of domestic rituals. Among those performing are Los Alegres de Teran and Lydia Mendoza.

4.00 Del Mero Corazon. A lyrical journey reflected in the love songs of the Tex-Mex Nortena.

4.30 Isaura the Slave Girl. The final episode of the Brazilian-made soap-opera, set in 19th-century Brazil. Isaura, after working for six months in the cane fields, returns to the plantation where Leoncio vows to make her suffer for the rest of her life. Followed by Fantastico. The music and moods of modern Brazil.

5.30 Friday Zone: ECT. For Heavy Metal fans. Among those appearing are Hanoi Rocks and Uriah Heep.

6.10 Paintbox. Up-dated interlude combining wild images with Ave Maria, performed by West India Company.

6.20 Soul Train, presented by Jeffrey Daniel who interviews Gary Bird. Others appearing are Village People, Maintain and Loose Ends. The video disc is of Lillo Thomas and the archive clip stars Rose Royce.

7.00 Channel Four News with Alastair Stewart. Weather.

7.30 Right to Reply presented by Gus Macdonald, Stephen Segaller, producer of the two-part series, Terror, defends the programmes against accusations of being sensationalist and superficial.

8.00 What the Papers Say. Peter Kellner of the New Statesman casts a critical eye over how the Press has treated the week's news.

8.15 A Week in Politics. Peter Jay interviews Neil Kinnock about his party's policies, prospects and problems.

9.00 The Cosby Show. Delayed in the delivery theatre, Cliff Huxtable, misses the presentation of Physician of the Year award, but son Theo delivers his father's acceptance speech.

9.30 Gardeners' Calendar Roadshow, introduced by Hannah Gordon. Joan Main, Michael Honour and Sabina Knees are in Edinburgh to answer gardeners' questions.

10.00 Cheers. Award-winning comedy series set in a Boston bar.

10.30 Who Cares. The second programme in Joan Shenton's series on health care examines different countries' approach to heart disease.

11.30 Film: Babylon (1980) starring Brinsley Ford. A drama about the lives of black youths living in London. Directed by Franco Rosso. Ends at 1.15.

Radio 4

On long wave,† also VHF stereo.

5.55 Shipping. **6.00** News briefing; Weather. **6.10** Farming. **6.25** Prayer.

6.30 Today, including **6.30, 7.30, 8.30** News. **6.45** Business News. **6.55, 7.55** Weather. **7.00, 8.25** Sport. **7.45** Thought for the Day. **8.35** Parliament. **8.50** Letters. **8.57** Weather; Travel.

9.00 News.

9.05 Russell Harty's Musical Encounters. With Sir Harold Acton †(r).

9.45 Feedback. Susan Marling with listeners' comments on BBC programmes.

10.00 Morning Story: 'The Second Bargain' by John G. Miller. Reader: Sean Barrett.

10.45 Daily Service (New Every Morning, page 50).†

11.00 News; Travel; The Unknown Ben Bagley. Sheridan Morley on the man who recorded the singing voices of some unlikely movie stars including Katharine Hepburn (singing Thank You So Much, Mrs Lowsborough – Goodbye); Laurence Harvey (Noël Coward's Nothing Can Last Forever); Gloria Swanson and Anthony Perkins.†

11.48 Natural Selection. The Holy Tree.

12.00 News; You and Yours. Consumer question time from 'Lifestyle 85' at the National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham.

12.27 Book Plug. John Cleese and other comedy actors perform sketches by Graham Chapman, Bill Oddie and John Cleese (see Choice). 12.55 Weather.

1.00 The World At One: News.

1.40 The Archers. 1.55 Shipping Forecast.

2.00 News; Woman's Hour. Includes a feature about fostering and children's homes. Includes an interview with David Berridge, author of a new book which questions the trend towards fostering. Plus another story from Frederick Forsyth's book No Comebacks and Other Stories, read by Sean Barrett.

3.00 News; Daughters and Sons By Ivy Compton-Burnett, dramatized in six parts by John Spurling (3) (r)†.

4.00 News; Going Places. Clive Jacobs with news on travel and transport.

4.40 Story Time: 'Dead Man Leading' by V. S. Pritchett (5). Reader: Michael Cochrane.

5.00 PM: News magazine 5.50 Shipping. 5.55 Weather.

6.00 The Six o'clock News; Financial Report.

6.30 The Cabaret Upstairs. New variety acts from London's fringe circuit. With Ronnie Golden.†

7.00 News.

7.05 The Archers.

7.20 Pick of the Week. Margaret Howard presents her selection of tv and radio extracts.†

8.20 Stop Press. Nigel Rees examines the week's newspapers.

8.45 Any Questions? from Telford, Shropshire. With Mgr Bruce Kent, Frederic Raphael, Gavin Laird, and Margaret Daly, MEP.

9.30 Letter from America by Alistair Cooke.

9.45 Kaleidoscope. Includes comment on the film Wild Geese II, and the book The Island of Crimea by Vassily Aksyonov.

10.15 A Book at Bedtime: 'My Uncle Silas' – eight short stories by H. E. Bates (8) 'The Death of Uncle Silas'. Reader: David Neal. **10.29** Weather.

10.30 The World Tonight.

11.00 Today in Parliament.

11.15 The Financial World Tonight.

11.30 Week Ending. Satirical review.

12.00 News; Weather. 12.33 Shipping. VHF (available in England and S. Wales only) as above except: 5.55-6.00am Weather; Travel. 11.00-12.00 For Schools. 1.55-3.00pm For Schools. 5.50-5.55 PM continued). 11.00-12.00 Study on 4: 11.00 Principles of Counselling. 11.30 Novels up to Now. 12.30-1.10am Schools Night-Time Broadcasting: Voix de France (French VI). 12.30-1.10am Ou'est-ce qui fait rire les Francais? 12.50 Les Loisirs des Francais.

Radio 3

6.55 Weather. **7.00** News.

7.05 Morning Concert: Bizet's overture Patrie! (French National Orchestra/Ozawa); Delius's Cello Concerto (Du Pré/RPO/Sargent' fireland's symphonic rhapsody Mai Dun (Halle/Barbirolli), in mono. **8.00** News.

8.05 Morning Concert (cont'd): Beethoven's overture Egmont (Cleveland/Szell); Clara Schumann's Variations on theme by Robert Schumann (Boschi, piano); Schumann's Symphony No 1 (Spring) played by Cleveland under Szell.† **9.00** News.

9.05 This Week's Composer: Suk. Pavel Stepan (piano) plays Things lived and dreamt; and Czech PO under Talich play the Symphonic poem The Ripening, Op 34.†

10.00 Liszt: Norma Fisher (piano) plays the Transcendental Studies No 10 in F minor; No 4 (Mazeppa); Venezia e Napoli; and Mephisto Waltz No 1.

10.45 Langham Chamber Orchestra (under Handford). Sibelius's Belshazzar's Feast; Beethoven's Mödlinger Tänze (WoO 17); Mozart's Symphony No 21.

11.30 Lieder Recital: Edith Wiens (soprano) with Roger Vignoles (piano). Works by Shubert (Seligkeit), Brahms (including Auf Dem See (Blauer Himmel); Strauss (including Mein Herz ist stum), and Hindemith (Geburt Maria).†

12.10 Arnold Cooke: John Tunnell (violin), Kenneth Essex (viola), Charles Tunnell, play the String Trio.†

12.30 Midday Concert: part one. BBC Philharmonic (under Handford), with Jean-Louis Steuerman (piano). Arnold's overture Tam O'Shanter; Liszt's Piano Concerto No 1.† **1.00** News.

1.05 Concert: part two. Bax's Symphony No 3.†

1.55 Baermann and Beethoven: Albemi String Quartet, with Georgina Dobrée (clarinet), John Pigneguy (horn). Baermann's Quintet in E flat Op 23; and Beethoven's Sextet in E flat Op 81b.†

2.30 University of Wales Recital: Dmitri Alexeev (piano). Brahms's Two Rhapsodies Op 79; Schubert's Sonata in A minor, D 845; Prokofiev's Sonata No 6, Op 82.†

4.00 Choral Evensong: from Wells Cathedral; † **4.55** News.

5.00 Mainly for Pleasure: David Hoult's selection of recorded music.†

6.30 Music for Guitar: Vladimir Mikulka plays works by Koshkin (Tin Soldiers), as well as Segovia arrangements of Albaniz's Leyenda, and Mikulik's arrangements of Debussy works including La fille aux cheveux de lin, and works by Barrios.†

7.00 Five French Singers: Second of five programmes. Roger Nichols presents some recordings made by Charles Panzera, the celebrated baritone.

7.30 New Music from Prague: Petr Messiereur plays Kubik's Violin Concerto with the Czech PO (under Kosler); and the Czech PO under Newmann play Slavich's symphonic triptych Terre des hommes.†

8.15 Bath Festival 1985: Kodaly String Quartet play Mozart's Quartet in B flat, K 589 and Bartok's Quartet No 6. Part one.†

9.20 A Happy Tale: Garrard Green reads the second of six tales from Professor Tutka, by Jerzy Szaniawski (r).

9.25 Bath Festival recital: part two. Shubert's Quartet in D minor, D 810.†

10.15 New Premises: another change to hear Stephen Games's arts review.

11.00 Beethoven Piano Sonatas: Alfred Brendel plays the Sonata in B flat major, Op 106 (Hammerklavier). (r).

11.57 News. Until 12.00.

VHF only: Open University. From 6.35 am to 6.55 am. Open Forum: Students' Magazine.

Radio 2

On medium wave. † also VHF stereo. News on the hour (except 9.00 pm). Headlines 5.30 am, 6.30, 7.30 and 8.30. 4.00 am Colin Berry. † 6.00 Ray Moore.† 8.05 Ken Bruce.† 10.30 Sue Cook.† 1.05pm Sports Desk: David Jacobs† incl. 2.02 Sports Desk. 2.05 Gloria Hunniford† incl 3.02 Sports Desk. 3.30 Music all the way† incl. 4.02 Sports Desk. 4.05 David Hamilton† incl. 5.05; 6.02 Sports Desk. 6.05 John Dunn† incl. 8.45 Sport and Classified Results (MF) only 7.30 Cricket. 8.00 Friday Night is Music Night.† 9.15 The Organist Entertains (with David Shepherd)† 9.55 Sports Desk. 10.00 Vince Hill's Solid Gold Music Show. (Guests Norman Collier and Amanda Bancroft.) 10.30 A Good Night Out. (2) Dancing with My Shadow. 11.00 Jeremy Beadle's Nightcap. (Stereo from midnight.) 1.00am Hilary Osborne presents Nightride.† 3.00 Big Band Special.† 3.30-4.00 String Sound.†

Radio 1

On medium wave. †. also VHF stereo. News on the half hour from 6.30 am until 9.30pm and at 12 midnight.

6.00 am Adrian John. 7.00 Mike Read. 9.00 Simon Bates. 12.00 Gary Davies incl. 12.30 pm Newsbeat. 2.30 Mark Page. 4.30 Select-A-Disc. 5.30 Newsbeat. 5.45 Roundtable. Includes Richard Skinner who reviews the new releases with guest disc jockeys and big names from the world of pop. 7.00 Andy Peebles. 10.00-12.00 The Friday Rock Show (featuring Bryan Adams).† VHF RADIOS 1 & 2. 4.00am With Radio 2. 10.00pm With Radio 1. 12.00-4.00am With Radio 2.

WORLD SERVICE

6.00 Newsdesk. 6.30 Brain of Britain. 7.00 World News. 7.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 7.30 Land of a Thousand Dances. 7.45 Merchant Navy Programme. 8.00 World News. 8.09 Reflections. 8.15 Shakespeare and Music. 8.30 A Word in Edgeways. 9.00 World News. 9.09 Review of the British Press. 9.15 The World Today. 9.30 Financial News. 9.40 Look Ahead. 9.45 The Poem Itself. 10.00 News Summary *10.01 Kings of Swing. 10.15 Merchant Navy Programme. 11.00 World News. 11.09 News About Britain. 11.15 In The Meantime. 11.25 A Letter From Northern Ireland. 11.30 Meridian 12.00 Radio Newsreel. 12.15 Jazz for the Asking. 12.45 Sports Roundup. 1.00 World News. 1.09 Twenty Four Hours. 1.30 John Peel. 2.00 Outlook. 2.45 Letterbox. 3.00 Radio Newsreel. 3.15 English to the Backbone. 4.00 World News. 4.09 Commentary. 4.15 Science in Action. 7.45 About Britain. 8.00 World News 8.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 8.30 Science in Action. 9.00 News Summary 9.01 Network UK. 9.15 Music Now. 9.45 Close Encounters of the Worst Kind. 10.00 World News. 10.09 The World Today. 10.25 A Letter From Northern Ireland. 10.30 Financial News. 10.40 Reflections. 10.45 Sports Roundup. 11.00 World News. 11.09 Commentary. 11.15 From The Weeklies. 11.30 Bach: The 48. 12.00 World News. 12.09 News about Britain. 12.15 Radio Newsreel. 12.30 About Britain. 12.45 Recording Of The Week. 1.00 News Summary 1.01 Outlook. 1.30 Kings of Swing. 1.45 Letterbox. 2.00 World News. 2.09 Review of the British Press. 2.15 Network UK. 2.30 People And Politics. 3.00 World News. 3.09 News About Britain. 3.15 The World Today 4.45 Financial News. 4.55 Reflections. 5.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 5.45 The World Today.

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BBC 1 Wales

1.27-1.30 News of Wales Headlines. 3.53-3.55 News of Wales Headlines. 5.30-5.35 Interval. 5.35-6.00 Wales Today. 6.35-7.00 Gardening Together. 12.55-1.00 News and weather. Scotland 1.27-1.30 The Scottish News. 5.30-6.00 Catchword. 6.35-6.00 Reporting Scotland. 10.15-10.45 The Beechgrove Garden. 10.45-11.45 Omnibus: The battle for Mansion House Square. 11.45-1.35am The Late Film: A Man Called Horse. (Richard Harris). 1.35-1.40 Weather. Northern Ireland 1.27-1.30 Northern Ireland News. 3.53-3.55 Northern Ireland News. 5.30-540 Today's Sport. 5.40-6.00 Inside Ulster. 6.35-7.00 Gloria. 12.55am-1.10 Jobstart. 1.10-1.15 News and Weather. England 6.35pm-7.00 Regional news magazine.

REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

GRAMPIAN As London except: 1.20pm News. 1.30 At Home. 2.00 Falcon Crest. 3.00-3.30 Clegg's People. 6.00 North Tonight. 7.30-8.30 Magnum. 10.30 Crossfire. 11.00 The Master. 12.00 News, Closedown.

BORDER As London except: 1.20pm News. 1.30 Vintage Quiz 2.00 Film: Arsenal Stadium Mystery. 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors. 6.00 Lookaround. 6.30-7.00 Take the High Road. 7.30-8.30 Simon and Simon. 10.30 Hindsight. 11.00 Walk a Crooked Path. 12.30am Closedown.

YORKSHIRE As London except: 1.20pm Calendar. 1.25-1.30 Help Yourself. 3.20-3.30 Home Cookery. 6.00 Calendar. 6.30 Fall Guy. 7.30 Family Fortunes. 8.00-8.30 Comedians. 10.30 Film: Kill (James Mason). 12.30am Closedown.

HTV WEST As London except: 1.20pm News. 1.30 Film: Case of Charles Peace.* Victorian murder trial drama. 3.00- 3.30 Vintage Quiz. 6.00 News. 6.30-7.00 Problems. 7.30-8.30 Fall Guy. 10.30 Your Say. 10.45 No Locks, No Bolts, No Bars. 11.30 Kojak.

HTV WALES As HTV West except: 11.22am-11.37 About Wales. 6.00pm-7.00 Wales at Six. 10.30-11.30 Elinor.

TYNE TEES As London except: 1.20 pm-1.30 News. 6.00 News. 6.02 Sporting Chance. 6.30-7.00 Northern Life. 7.30-8.30 Fall Guy. 10.32 Shelley. 11.00 Scarecrow and Mrs King. 11.55 Three's Company, Closedown.

ANGLIA As London except: 1.20 pm News. 1.30 Film: 2,000 Women* (Phyllis Calvert). Women PoWs hide an Allied aircrew. 6.00-7.00 About Anglia. 7.30-8.30 Hardcastle and McCormick. 10.30 Cross Question. 11.00 Film: To Sir, With Love (Sidney Poitier). 1.10 am Birgitta and Svanite, Closedown.

CHANNEL As London except: 1.20pm News 1.30 Film: Godspell. 3.30 The Adventurer. 5.15-5.45 Young Doctors. 6.00 Channel Report. 6.30 Crossroads. 6.55-7.00 Whats on Where. 7.30-8.30 Simon and Simon. 10.35 Film: Sicilian Cross. 12.25am Closedown.

ULSTER As London except: 1.20pm Lunchtime. 1.30 Film: Rawhide (Tyrone Power). 3.00 That's My Dog. 3.30-4.00 Captain Scarlet. 6.00 Good Evening Ulster. 6.20 Sportscast. 6.45 Advice with Anne Hailes. 7.30-8.30 Fall Guy. 10.30 Witness. 10.35 Falcon Crest. 11.30 Church Report. 11.55 News, Closedown.

S4C Starts 1.00 pm Isaura the Slave Girl. 2.00 Stori Stri. 2.15 Their Lordships' House. 2.30 Interval. 2.35 Hyn O Fyd Byd 4. 2.55 Interval. 3.10 Film: Crooks' Tour* (Basil Radford). 4.40 Wil Cwac Cwac. 4.45 Hanner Awr Pwy. 5.50 Extra Celestial Transmission. 5.10 Paintbox. 6.20 Sosi Train. 7.00 Newyddion Saith. 7.30 Tony AC Aloma. 8.00 Glas Y Dorlan. 8.30 Y Byd Yn Bi La. 9.15 Cheers. 9.45 Film: Song for Europe (David Suchet). 11.35 Newhart. 12.00 Voices. 12.55 am (Closedown).

TSW As London except: 1.20 pm News. 1.30 Film: Godspell. 3.30-4.00 Adventurer. 5.15-5.45 Young Doctors. 6.00 Today South West. 6.30-7.00 What's Ahead. 7.30-8.30 Simon and Simon. 10.35 Film: Sicilian Cross (Roger Moore). 12.20 am Postscript. Closedown.

CENTRAL As London except: 1.20pm News. 1.30-3.30 Film: Godspell. 6.00-7.00 News. 7.30-8.30 Fall Guy. 10.35 Film: Breakthrough (Richard Burton). 12.20am Closedown.

TVS As London except: 1.20pm News. 1.30 Last Company Car. 2.30 Better Half. 3.00 Different Strokes. 3.30-4.00 Captain Scarlet. 6.00 Coast to Coast. 6.30 Pop the Question. 7.30-8.30 Hart to Hart 10.30 Quincy. 11.30 Film: Impersonator 12.40 Company, Closedown.

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Shultz hints at GIs for Nicaragua

From Christopher Thomas
Washington

Mr George Shultz, US Secretary of State, said yesterday that America might face the agonizing choice of whether to send combat troops to Central America.

It was by far the toughest Administration Language in renewed attempts to persuade Congress to resume financing the Nicaraguan Contra guerrillas. "We understand that negotiations, especially with Communists, cannot succeed unless backed by strength", he told the American Bar Association.

Describing US military aid as the "most effectiVe lever we have on the Communist Sandinista regime", he rejected a Congressional proposal to provide aid only to Nicaraguan refugees: "All this would do is turn the freedom fighters into refugees."

He said: "SoMe say they would favour the military option if all else fails and a real threat Comes. But by refusing to hElp the freedom fighters, even with humanitarian aid, they are hastening the day when the threat will grow, and when we will be forced with an agonizing choice about the use of American combat troops."

Congress is to vote next month on the Adminstration's request for $14 million (about £11 million) in nonlethal aid this year, plus $18 million dollar next year.

Red Devils drop in at the palace



Prince William (top) testing a helmet when the Red Devils parachuted into the gardens of Kensington Palace yesterday.

The young Prince was with his father, the Prince of Wales, Colonel-in-Chief of the Parachute Regiment, as the army's elite parachute team (right) did a free-fall display over the grounds of the palace. The event marked the launch of a £500,000 appeal for a new Islander aircraft to replace the 17-year-old Delta Hotel plane from which the team has made 30,000 jumps in public, and 130,000 training jumps helping to raise more than £1 million for charity. The Prince of Wales presented each member of the team with the Parachute Regiment's coveted red beret.

Photographs: Warren Harrison



Teachers reject pay offer

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has no-strike policy, the Assistant Masters and Mistresses Association, and the Secondary Heads Association. Before today the teachers had been offered 4 per cent with a reference to arbitration, and this had also been rejected.

No further talks are planned, but the NUT indicated last night that the situation might change after June 19 when the composition of the employers' organization, the Association of County Councils, changes. The union is hoping that the SDP-Liberal Alliance will hold the balance of power on the ACC and make a better offer to teachers.

Mr Philip Merridale, Conservative leader of the employers' side and chairman of the ACC's education committee, said he was sad that talks had broken down. The teachers' refusal to go to arbitration was regrettable and would be hard for the public to understand. "What we have done is to offer 25 per cent more than we did before and this represented as much as we believe our members' budgets will run to," he said.

It is understood that the notion of a phased deal was dicussed "behind the chair"

Sir Keith Joseph, Secretary of State for Education, said he was very disappointed that the talks had failed.

He added: "There could be more money next year but the teachers are not even prepared at present to discuss the possibility of improved career and promotion prospects and their duties.

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PLO men 'just go on fighting'

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saw a battered, dark green estate wagon arriving at the Amal office next to the City Pharmacy in Hamra Street. Three gunmen wearing green headbands jumped from the back, dragging a half-naked Palestinian onto the street. He cringed there in fear, his face white and bruised.

One of the gunmen hit him with his fist again and again, then threw him through the door of the office. As he disappeared inside, the Lebanese pedestrians and women shoppers on the pavements jeered shamefully at the wretched man.

The Palestinians are finished," one well-dressed man roared. For if there in one thing the Lebanese hate, it's a loser.

Last night the shelling grew far heavier, spreading from Fakhani across all of west Beirut, while from the Christian east of the city Phalangist radios broadcast the tolling funeral bells for the men, women and children slaughtered by Wednesday's car bomb in Sin El-fil.

"Horror in the east and horror in the west," one of Beirut's French-language newspapers headlined yesterday – which had it about right.

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Leading article, page 15

Flexible hours

Landlords of public houses yesterday gave unanimous backing at their conference in Blackpool to their union the National Union of Licensed Victuallers' demands for a more flexible approach to opening hours.

Satellite saved

Washington (AP) – After tumbling helplessly in space for nearly a year; a $50 million weather satellite, the NOAA-8, has been brought back to life by US Government scientists.

Farm fury

Stockholm – Some 20,000 farmers from all over Sweden marched through the capital in protest against the agricultural policies of Mr Olof Palme's Social Democratic Government.

Letter from the Falklands

All at sea in the big fish bonanza

An international armada, at times almost equal in numbers to the 1982 task force, is plundering the rich fishing grounds within the Falklands Protection Zone in an uncontrolled rush which conservationists fear could exhaust stocks within five years.

In recent weeks more than 200 vessels, chiefly from Eastern Europe, Spain and the Far East, have been trawling the Falkland waters untroubled by fishery patrol vessels or the need to pay for licences. This year's catch is expected to be worth more than £300 million on world markets.

The British Government is considering establishing a 200-mile fishery zone around the Falklands and South Georgia, in common with international practice, but has taken no action. Lord Shackleton, author of two reports on the Falklands economy, has condemned the Government's "pussyfooting" attitude and its fear of further provoking Argentina.

Foreign trawlers began arriving in Falklands waters in significant numbers two years before the conflict, but this year there are considerably more than ever before. The Bulgarians and Taiwanese have arrived in large numbers for the first time, with 50 Taiwanese boats logged by RAF and Royal Navy patrols, and 20 Japanese.

Since the start of the squid season in February, the Japanese fleet has caught 50,000 tons, worth £50 million.

The only reliable guide to the level of activity is the harbour dues paid by vessels which come within the Falklands three-mile limit to tranship catches to large ocean-going refrigerated cargo ships known as reefers. In 1974-75, long before the bonanza, the Stanley harbourmaster collected £1,561. Last year receipts were £356,000.

Mr Harold Rowlands, financial secretary to the Falkland Islands government, told *The Times* this week that when the current financial year ends next month, annual harbour dues will have exceeded £500,000.

In recent months island government officials have had many enquiries from Far Eastern fleet owners asking the cost of a licence to fish the Falkland waters. They have been astonished to discover that a free-for-all exists, and have immediately started for the South Atlantic.

Every day the RAF and Royal Navy patrol every square mile of the Protection Zone. They log every vessel and its position, and check names against the international list of registered fishing vessels. Officially, their only concern is if a boat turns out not to be a bona fide fishing vessel.

In recent days *The Times* has flown two sorties in Sea King helicopters from 202 Squadron, RAF. On the first, 35 miles out from the southern coast of East Falkland, we came across 13 trawlers in a ten-mile stretch, all on the 100-fathom contour, where deep currents drive the shoals closer to the surface.

On a later sortie the Sea King flew across the dull, dun Falkland landscape, lightly dusted with snow, towards Berkeley Sound, the great inlet on the eastern seaboard 20 miles north of Stanley. What looked like Blackpool Prom seen distantly from seaward proved to be a total of 33 boats loading thousands of tons of fish under a string of floodlights that stretched for several miles across the water.

One benefit for the foreign fishermen is tha they have the world's best air-sea rescue service on hand.

Falkland Islanders feel they ought to derive much more benefit from the fishery bonanza. Harbour dues will help to balance the budget this year and there are plans for a port authority and facilities to lure the boats into Stanley.

But their main fear is one of rapid exhaustion of what could be their richest resource. The United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization in 1979 identified the Falkland waters as one of the richest fishing grounds in the world. They remain one of the few such riches unprotected by any fishery zone, but the riches may already be on their way to irrevocable depletion.

Alan Hamilton

THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

Today's events

Royal engagements

The Queen visits the Lake District; arrives Barrow-in-Furness Station 10; The Territorial Army Centre, 10.15; and opens the Barrow-in-Furness General Hospital, 3.45.

The Prince of Wales, President, The Prince's Trust, accompanied by the Princess of Wales, visits The Prince's Trust Camp 1985, Maiden Castle, Dorset, 11.

Princess Margaret, as President of the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, attends a Ball at Boxted Hall, Bury St Edmunds, in aid of the Society's Centenary Appeal, 8.40.

New exhibitions

Profile: The Conscious Contract: portraits by British photographers; Impressions Gallery of Photography, 17 Colliergate, York; Tues to Sat 10 to 6 (ends June 22).

Recent sculpture by John Behan; Gordon Gallery, 36 Ferry Quay St, Londonderry; Mon to Wed 11 to 5.30, Fri 11 to 5.30, Sat 11 to 1, closed Thurs and Sun, (ends June 15).

Work by S J Peploe; Scottish Nationa Gallery of Modern Art, Royal Botanical Garden, Edinburgh; Mon to Sat 10 to 5, Sun 2 to 5 (ends July 14).

Cadbury's National Exhibition of Children's Art; Museum and Art Gallery, Le Mans Crescent, Bolton; Mon to Fri 9.30 to 5.30, Sat 10 to 5 closed Wed (ends June 22).

Music

Recital by John Hark (saxophone) and John Lenehan (piano); The Pavilion, Harbour St, Broadstairs, 7.45.

Bath Festival: Concert by the Kodally String Quartet, Guildhall Banqueting Room, Bath, 7.

Guitar recital by Neil Smith; Birtsmorton Court, Malvern, 7.30.

Recital by Harvey Hope (baroque guitar) and Christopher Fry (poetry readings); Pallant House, North Pallant, Chichester, 7.30.

Schubert Festival: Piano recital by Bernard Roberts, 1; recital by the Lindsay String Quartet with Douglas Cummings (cello), 7.45; Crucible Studio, Sheffield.

Blandford Music Week: Recital by Christopher Wells (counter tenor) and Richard Hall (harpsichord); Blandford Parish Church, Dorset, 1.10.

Delius Festival: Recital by Hannah Roberts (cello) and Simon Nicholls (piano), Central Library Theatre, 1; and Concert by the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra and Bradford Festival Choral, St George's Hall, 7.30; Bradford.

General

Bath Festival: opening festivities, bands, candles and fireworks, meet Royal Victoria Park, 7.30; Contemporary Art Fair, Assembly Rooms, 10.30 to 7 daily; last day 10.30 to 6, (ends May 27).

Book Fair: Freemason's Hall, George St, Edinburgh, 12 to 8, tomorrow 10 to 5.

Flower Festival: Derby Cathedral, Irongate, today and tomorrow 9 to 5; Sat 12 to 6; Mon 9 to 5 (until May 27).

Chelsea Flower Show last day; Royal Hospital grounds, Chelsea, 8 to 5, £6.

Top films

The top box-office Films in London:

1	(1)	Cotton Club
2	(2)	Falling in Love
3	(4)	A Passage to India
4	(3)	Starman
5	(-)	The Falcon and the Snowman
6	(6)	Beverley Hills Cop
7	(5)	Amadeus
8	(8)	The Killing Fields
9	(10)	Carmen
10	(9)	A Love in Germany

The top films in the provinces:

1	The Cotton Club
2	Falling in Love
3	Amadeus
4	A Passage to India
5	A Private Function

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Top video rentals

1	(1)	Conan the Destroyer
2	(-)	Romancing the Stone
3	(2)	Police Academy
4	(3)	Company of Wolves
5	(17)	Streets of Fire
6	(5)	The Natural
7	(6)	Purple Hearts
8	(7)	Purple Rain
9	(4)	Splash
10	(10)	Electric Dreams

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Food prices

Fish supplies and quality are excellent this week. Herrings and mackerel are particularly good, as are plaice and lemon sole. Herrings are 54-72p a lb, mackerel 45-70p depending on size, whole plaice 64-70p and lemon sole £1.60-£1.80. Other prices include coley 88-92p, grey mullet 88p-£1, and small Dover sole £1.90-£2.00. Small hen crabs are 90p-£1.50 each and shrimps 64p a pint.

Beef prices, which have been unchanged for several months, are up a penny or two a pound this week. Pork and New Zealand lamb are also slightly higher. Home produced lamb, however, is notably cheaper, with all cuts down by several pence. Many supermarkets and shops have beef and pork on special offer. Some good buys include: Salisbury beef topside, silverside and top rump £1.88 a lb, and prime shoulder of pork 88p; Dewhurst chuck steak and ground beef £1.39; and beef and kidney 99p a lb; Fine Fare rump steak £2.48 a lb; Safeway fresh whole leg of pork 99p and boneless leg £1.18; Tesco freezer pack pork chops £1.10 a lb, and braising steak £1.62; Bejam pork chump chops 99p and Buxted butter basted chicken 52p a lb.

Plentiful supplies and poor demand has brought down tomato prices, making them a best buy this week. English, Dutch and Channel Island hothouse tomatoes at 40–60p a lb, are considerably cheaper than normal at this time of year. Other good salad buys are Iceberg lettuce, 70–90p, round lettuce 18–25p, celery and cucumber 35–55p, and spring onions 18–25p a bunch.

Early Jersey Royals at 40–48p a lb, show a big drop, and Majorcan new potatoes at 22–24p are also good. The recent warmer weather has brought on asparagus and prices have dropped notably to only 90–160p a lb. Flat mushrooms 40–55p a half pound, and cauliflowers are 40–50p each.

Golden Delicious and Granny Smith apples 34–40p, Barlinka grapes 75–85p, Avocado pears 35–60p, continental strawberries 45–70p, Spanish Galia melons 60–130p and Cantaloupe 90–125p, are amongst the best fruit buys.

Parliament today

Commons (9.30): Spring adjournment debates.

Portfolio

Portfolio – how to play

Monday–Saturday record your daily Portfolio total.

Add these together to determine your weekly Portfolio total.

If your total matches the published weekly dividend figure you have won outright or a share of the prize money stated for that week, and must claim your prize as instructed below.

How to claim

Telephone The Times Portfolio claims line 0254-53272 between 10.00 am and 3.30 pm, on the day your overall total matches The Times Portfolio Dividend. No claims can be accepted outside these hours.

You must have your card with you when you telephone.

If you are unable to telephone someone else can claim on your behalf but they must have your card and call The Times Portfolio claims line between the stipulated times.

No responsibility can be accepted for failure to contact the claims office for any reason within the stated hours.

The above instructions are applicable to both daily and weekly dividend claims.

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Holiday travel

Rail

British Rail are running 400 extra trains during the Spring Bank holiday. Extra trains will begin to supplement InterCity services today and on Saturday for those travelling away for the weekend. On Sunday and Monday there will be special trips to popular destinations for day trippers and there will be additional services on Monday and Tuesday for those travelling home. On Bank Holiday Monday many local services will operate to a Sunday timetable.

Full details of train services and ticket offers available over the Bank Holiday can be obtained from principal stations and British Rail telephone enquiry bureaux.

Roads

Wales and West: M5: Contraflow on southbound carriageway between junctions 12 (Gloucester) and 14 (B4509 Thornbury); northbound exit at junction 13 closed. M5: Contraflow between junction 28 (B3181 Cullompton) and 29 (A30 Honiton), Devon. A344: Closed at Stonehenge, W of Amesbury, Wilts; diversions via A303 and A360.

The North: M6: Lanes closed on both carriageways between junctions 32 (m53) and 33 (A5 Lancaster S); access to Forton services maintained. M62: Resurfacing between junctions 7 and 9 (Greater Manchester); slip roads at junctions 8 (Sale) closed. A627: Ashton Rd closed to traffic approaching Oldham.

Scotland: A75: Bridge damage at Threave Bridge, W of Castle Douglas, Kirkcudbright; single line traffic with lights (24 hours). A74: Contraflow in two places between Lockerbie and Beattock, Dumfriesshire. M74: Southbound carriageway closed between junctions 2 and 1 (Larkhall to Lanark) Strathaven; contraflow on northbound.

Information supplied by the AA

Cheap rate calls

British Telecom is extending its cheap rate calls to cover the Spring Bank holiday. The cheap rate begins at 6pm tonight (8pm for most international calls) and continues until 8am on May 28.

Anniversaries

Births: Victoria, reigned 1837-1901, Kensington Palace, 1819; Sir Arthur Wing Pinero, playwright, London, 1855; Jan Christean Smuts, prime minister of South Africa, 1919-24, 1938-48, Riebeek West, Cape Colony, 1870.

Deaths: John Foster Dulles, USA secretary of state 1953-59, Washington, 1959; Duke Ellington, New York, 1974.

Amy Johnson landed at Port Darwin, Australia in a Moth aircraft after leaving London on May 5, 1930.

The pound

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	1.82	1.82
Austria Sch	28.50	28.60
Belgium Fr	81.15	77.35
Canada $	1.765	1.765
Denmark Kr	14.50	13.88
Finland Mark	8.40	8.00
France Fr	12.55	11.70
Germany DM	4.01	3.83
Greece Dr	173.00	165.00
Hong Kong $	10.20	9.60
Ireland Pt	1.288	1.228
Italy Lira	2,580.00	2460.00
Japan Yen	331.00	315.00
Netherlands Gld	4.54	4.32
Norway Kr	11.60	11.05
Portugal Esc	223.00	212.00
South Africa Rd	2.50	2.35
Spain Pta	223.00	212.00
Sweden Kr	11.55	11.10
Switzerland Fr	3.37	3.21
USA $	1.315	1.265
Yugoslavia Dnr	338.00	316.00

Rates for small denomination bank notes only, as supplied yesterday by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques and other foreign currency business.

Retail Price Index: 373.9.

London: The *FT* index closed down 10.7 at 1010.2

Weather forecast

A complex area of low pressure is expected to become slow moving over NW parts of Britain.

6am to midnight

London, East Anglia, Midlands, E, central N England: Mainly dry, bright or sunny intervals; wind SW moderate; max temp 20C (68F).

SE, central S England, Channel Islands: Mainly dry, sunny intervals; wind SW moderate locally fresh; max temp 20C (68F), cooler near coasts.

SW, NW, NE England, Wales: Rather cloudy, a little rain at times, some hill and coastal fog patches; wind SW fresh; max temp 16C (61F).

Lake District, Isle of Man, Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee, Aberdeen, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Moray Firth, Argyll, Northern Ireland: Cloudy, rain at times, some hill fog; wind mainly S light or moderate; max temp 15C (59F).

NE, NW Scotland, Orkney, Shetland: Cloudy, rain at times; wind NE moderate; max temp 11C (52F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Sunday: Rain at times in many places but mainly dry with sunny intervals in the SE; warm in many places and very warm in some S and E areas but cooler near coasts.

SEA PASSAGES: S North Sea, Straits of Dover, English Channel: Wind SW fresh locally strong; occasional drizzle; visibility moderate with some fog patches; sea moderate or rough. St George's Channel, Irish Sea: Wind SW fresh or strong; occasional rain; visibility moderate or good; sea moderate or rough.

Sun rises: 4.57 am
Sun sets: 8.59 pm
Moon sets: 12.56 am
Moon rises: 8.05 am
First quarter: May 27.

Lighting-up time

London 9.29 pm to 4.26 am
Bristol 9.38 pm to 4.36 am
Edinburgh 10.05 pm to 4.14 am
Manchester 9.47 pm to 4.24 am
Penzance 9.44 pm to 4.54 am

Yesterday

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F		C	F
Belfast	r 12	54	Guernsey	f 14	57
Birmingham	c 15	59	Inverness	r 8	46
Blackpool	c 14	57	Jersey	s 14	57
Bristol	c 15	59	London	c 16	61
Cardiff	c 14	57	Manchester	c 15	59
Edinburgh	c 10	50	Newcastle	f 13	55
Glasgow	c 13	55	Ronaldsway	r 10	50

London

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 18C (61F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 11 (52F). Humidity: 6 pm, 68 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, trace. Sun: 24hr to 9 pm, 2.9hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1.0070 millibars, rising.
1,000 millibars = 29.53in.

Highest and lowest

Yesterday: Highest day temp: Poole, 18C (64F); lowest day temp: Larwick, 7C (45F); highest rainfall: Heremonceux, Long Keen, 0.43in; in; highest sunshine: Wick, 11.4hr.

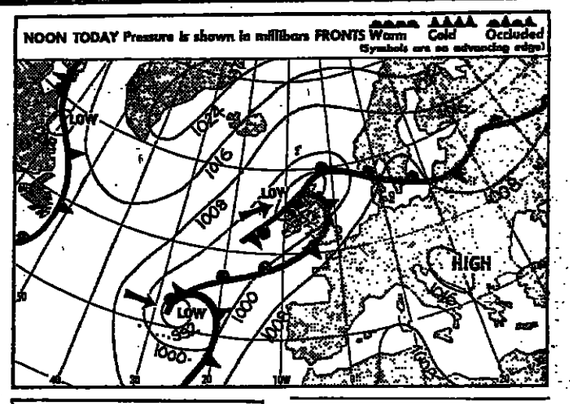
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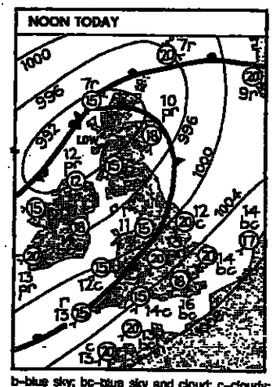
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NOON TODAY



b–blue sky; bc–blue sky and cloud; c–cloudy; o–overcast; f–fog; d–drizzle; h–hail; m–mist; r–rain; s–snow; th–thunderstorm; p–showers. Arrows show wind direction, wind speed (mph) circled. temperatures centigrade.

High tides

TODAY

	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	5.15	6.7	5.20	6.8
Aberdeen	4.36	3.8	5.13	3.6
Avonmouth	10.39	11.2	12.50	11.2
Belfast	2.27	3.1	2.48	2.9
Cardiff	10.24	10.3	10.35	10.5
Devonport	9.06	4.7	9.16	4.9
Dover	1.59	5.9	2.33	5.9
Falmouth	8.36	4.5	8.46	4.7
Glasgow	4.01	4.8	4.37	4.2
Harwich	3.11	3.3	3.20	3.7
Holyhead	1.34	6.0	2.02	4.8
Hull	9.39	6.5	10.12	6.4
Ilfracombe	9.23	8.0	9.33	8.0
Leith	6.00	4.8	6.20	4.8
Liverpool	2.23	8.5	2.49	8.2
Lowestoft	12.50	2.1	12.43	2.3
Margate	3.19	4.4	3.34	4.4
Milford Haven	9.40	6.0	9.56	6.1
Newquay	8.22	6.1	8.48	6.2
Oban	9.05	5.3	9.38	3.5
Penzance	8.09	4.7	8.20	4.9
Portland	10.15	1.5	10.25	1.7
Portsmouth	2.37	4.1	3.13	4.1
Sheerness	2.14	5.5	2.47	5.5
Southampton	2.04	4.1	2.38	4.0
Swansea	9.47	5.2	10.01	5.3
Tees	7.04	4.9	7.38	4.8
Walton-on-Naze	3.01	2.8	3.15	3.9

Tide measurement in metres: 1m-3.2808ft.

Around Britain

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
EAST COAST					
Scarboro	0.5	–	12	54	dull
Bridlington	0.7	–	11	52	cloudy
Cromer					
Lowestoft	–	.02	10	50	dull
Clacton	0.4	–	12	54	cloudy
Margate	–	–	16	61	dull
SOUTH COAST					
Folkestone	0.2	–			cloudy
Hastings	2.3	–	14	57	fog am
Eastbourne	5.2	.14	14	57	fog am
Brighton	4.0	.13	13	55	fog am
Worthing	2.2	.06	15	59	bright
Littlehmpton	5.4	.02	15	59	bright
Bognor R	6.6	.35	14	57	bright
Southsea	6.7	.07	16	61	cloudy am
Sandown	7.0	–	16	61	sunny pm
Shanklin	5.4	–	15	59	sunny pm
Bournemth	6.1	–	16	61	bright
Poole	5.7	–	18	64	cloudy
Swanage	4.5	–	15	59	sunny pm
Weymouth	3.5	.02	14	57	bright pm
Exmouth	0.9	–	15	59	cloudy
Teignmouth	1.2	–	16	61	cloudy
Torquay	1.9	.04	16	61	bright
Falmouth	1.1	–	14	57	cloudy
Penzance	1.8	–	15	59	showers pm
Jersey	5.2	–	18	64	bright
Guernsey	7.3	–	17	63	sunny
WEST COAST					
Scilly Isles	4.4	.01	14	57	cloudy
Newquay	1.2	–	16	61	bright
Ilfracombe	0.5	.12	15	59	rain pm
Tenby	–	–	14	57	cloudy
Colwyn Bay	0.9	–	15	59	dull pm
Southport	0.5	–	15	59	chill
Morecambe	0.2	.02	15	59	dull
Douglas	–	.22	11	52	rain
ENGLAND AND WALES					
London (Cntl)	2.8	–	16	61	cloudy
B'hmn (Airpt)	0.9	–	17	63	showers pm
Bristol (Cntl)	1.2	–	16	61	cloudy
Cardiff (Cntl)	0.5	.01	15	59	showers pm
Anglesey	0.4	–	14	57	rain pm
B'pool (Airpt)	0.7	–	15	59	cloudy
Manchester	0.7	.03	16	61	showers pm
Nottingham	–	.03	14	57	rain pm
N'cstl-n-Tyne	3.9	–	13	55	sunny am
Carlisle	1.0	.03	14	57	rain pm
SCOTLAND					
Eskdalemuir	2.7	.02	13	55	rain pm
Prestwick	2.8	.15	15	59	rain pm
Glasgow	2.1	.13	14	57	rain pm
Tiree	1.2	.05	11	52	rain pm
Stornoway	7.0	–	10	50	cloudy
Lerwick	3.8	.06	7	45	showrs
Wick	11.4	–	10	50	sunny
Kinloss	0.1	–	10	50	dull
Aberdeen	–	.03	10	50	cloudy
St. Andrews	–	.14	8	46	rain
Edinburgh	0.6	.12	10	50	rain pm
NORTHERN IRELAND					
Belfast	1.2	.31	13	55	rain

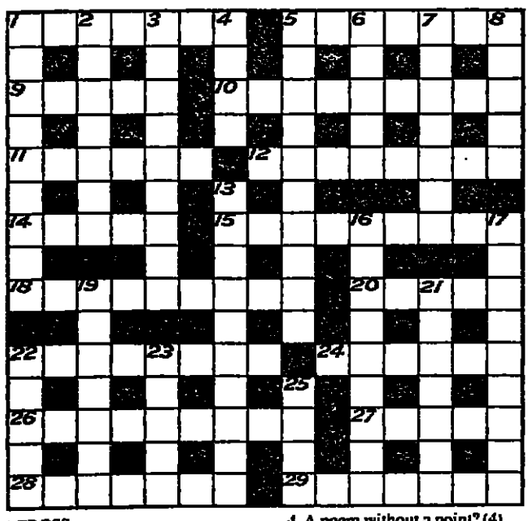
Abroad

MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; fg, fog; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow.

		C	F			C	F			C	F
Alecio	s	22	72	Cologne	c	12	54	Majorca	c	20	68	Rome	s	22	72
Akrotiri	s	28	84	Copenhgn	f	15	59	Malaga	f	20	68	Salzburg	f	20	68
Alexandria	c	25	77	Corfu	s	28	79	Malta	s	25	77	Sao Paulo*	c	23	73
Algiers	c	21	70	Dublin	f	13	55	Melbourne	s	14	57	S Francisco*	s	21	70
Amsterdam	c	11	52	Dubrovnik	s	23	73	Mexico C*	s	22	72	Santiago*	f	15	59
Athens	s	28	79	Faro	f	18	64	Minsk*	s	32	90	Seoul	s	25	77
Bahrain	s	34	93	Florence	f	21	70	Milan	f	20	68	Singapore	s	30	86
Barbados				Frankfurt	c	12	54	Montreal*	s	19	66	Stockholm	s	10	50
Barcelona	f	17	63	Funchal	c	19	66	Moscow	c	16	61	Strasbourg	f	13	55
Beirut				Geneva	f	17	63	Munich	r	15	59	Sydney	f	18	64
Belgrade	s	23	73	Gibraltar	f	19	66	Nairobi	c	23	73	Tangier	f	18	64
Berlin	r	13	55	Helsinki	s	9	48	Naples	f	22	72	Tel Aviv	f	39	102
Bermuda*	c	23	79	Hong Kong	f	30	86	New Delhi	s	36	97	Tenerife	f	23	73
Biarritz	c	16	61	Innsbruck	f	18	64	New York				Tokyo	s	25	77
Bologne	f	13	55	Istanbul	s	27	81	Nice	s	19	66	Toronto*	s	17	63
Bordeaux	s	18	64	Jiddah	s	35	97	Oslo	c	7	45	Tunis	c	30	86
Brussels	c	12	54	Jo'burg*	s	19	66	Paris	f	15	59	Valencia	c	18	64
Budapest	f	28	88	Karachi	f	32	90	Peking	s	29	84	Vancouver*	f	18	64
Buen Aires				Las Palmas	c	22	72	Perth	s	23	73	Venice	f	21	70
Cairo	s	35	95	Lisbon	c	16	61	Prague	f	13	55	Vienna	f	19	66
Cape Tn	f	18	64	Locarno	c	17	63	Reykjavik	f	8	45	Warsaw	f	14	57
Chianca	c	29	88	L Angeles*	f	18	64	Rhodes	f	27	81	Washington*	f	23	73
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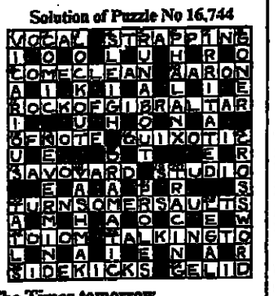
ACROSS

1 Complaint about this old-style tribesman (7).
5 Ecstatic words sung by a student (7).
9 Singular cover for a member in many long sittings (5).
10 Boxer has practice without mat – what arrogance! (9).
11 A universal spring (Titian) (6).
12 Scholar follows stories about the accursed thing (8).
14 Former Liberal about to give praise (5).
15 Plant not smoked at any time (9).
18 Use the needle, and so heighten the narrative? (9).
20 Mimicking all but start of recording (5).
22 Claim unjustly that Yorks town lacks 22 *dn* (8).
24 Exhalation from mother of Hermia? Not her (6).
26 Some soldiers take warning as a result (9).
27 Chord – one in a form of jazz (5).
28 Kind of expression resulting from a bad name? (7).
29 Phoney item from Vulcan's place by the railway (7).

DOWN

1 Detail 10 and 11 to symbolize this steel-maker (9).
2 Boy with one objection to fish (7).
3 She is the lowest of her sex (9).
4 A poem without a point? (4).
5 Fruit distributed by Byron – real good at first (10).
6 Prepare 25, say, for banter (5).
7 Ravines (Oriental) so described? (7).
8 Many a girl's proposition (5).
13 So the grand may become self-willed (10).
16 Swordsman, key fellow, organized a riot (9).
17 Near Yggdrasil perhaps – north, not south (9).
19 Good, when abroad, to restrain an impulse, bud! (7).
21 Give rise to trendy example of church architecture (7).
22 Dropped, perhaps – being a source of irritation (5).
23 Consented to renounce source of such avarice (5).
25 Complaint encountered initially among Gort's men (4).

Solution of Puzzle No 16,744



Prize Crossword in The Times tomorrow

The Times Jumbo Crossword with an additional set of concise clues will appear in the *Saturday* section this Saturday.

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ENIGMA

4. Follow the last sequential road number until you can turn left on to a road number which is half of 24 more than the product of all the digits of the road numbers you have used.

Telephone your Enigma solution to 01-482 2424, giving the solution first, then your name, address and telephone number and your version of the Enigma pass sentence. Final clue tomorrow.

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